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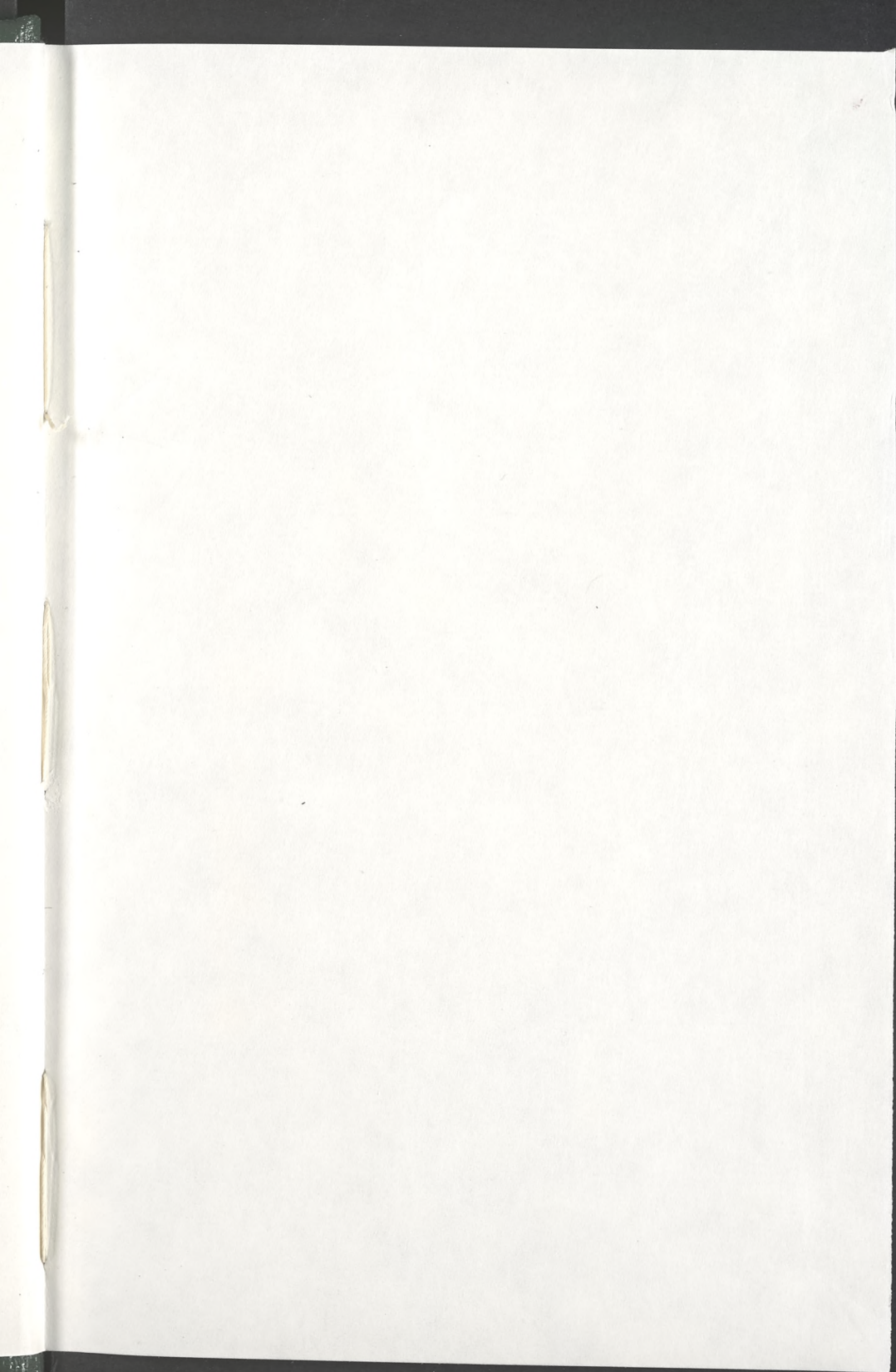
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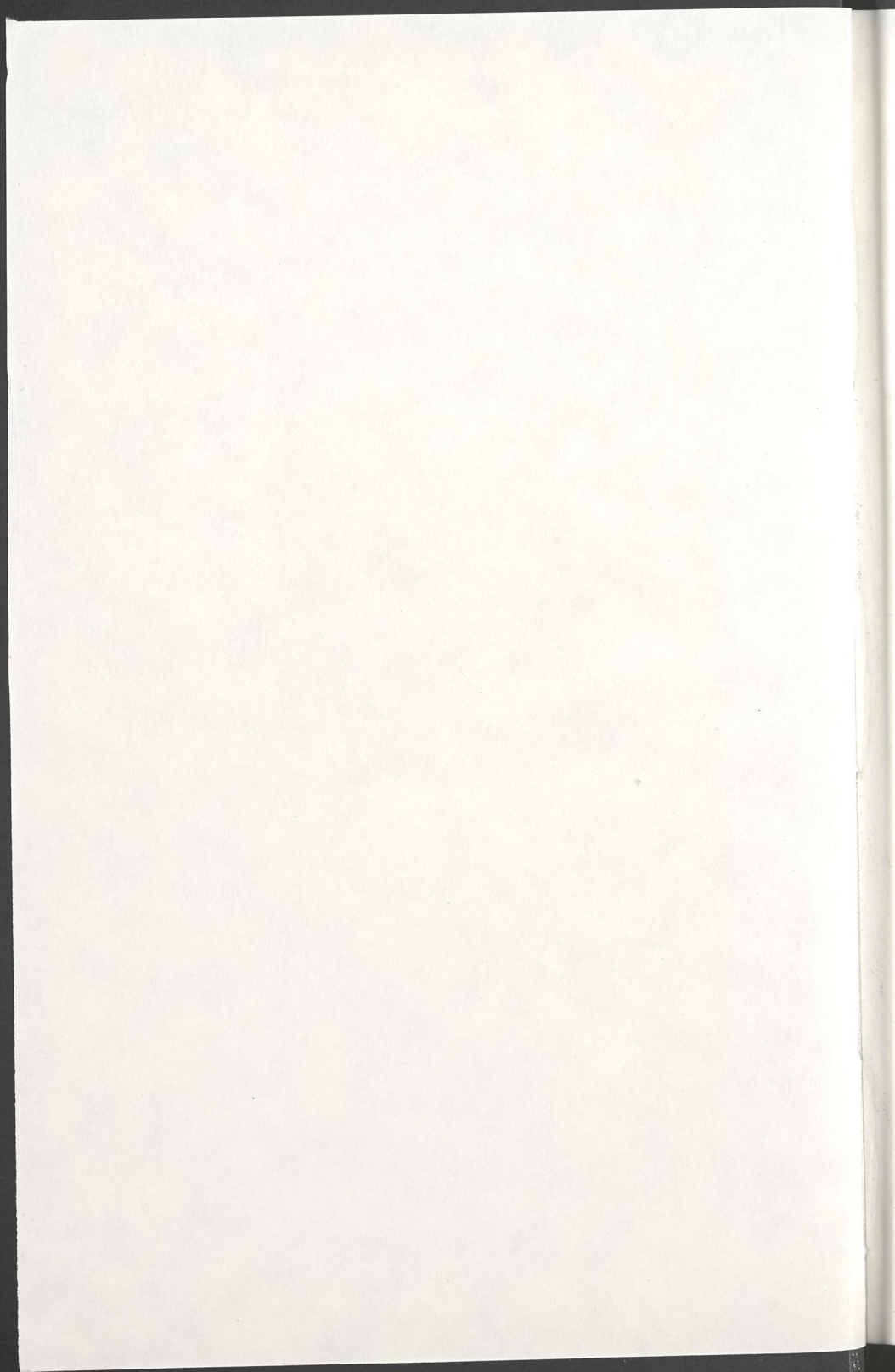
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PRESIDENT'S LETTER



Next year's Convention and Coin show will be held in Natural Bridge Virginia on September 27, 28 & 29th, 1985, at the Natural Bridge Hotel. It has been six years since we have been to that region of Virginia and we look forward to another successful visit. Take special notice of the weekend which is a little later than usual. This was due to a booking conflict and hopefully will prove to be only a minor inconvenience for some of you. Once again Ray Haymaker has volunteered to be Bourse Chairman and Jim Beard has consented to be Exhibit Chairman. These individuals consistently do an excellent

job year-in and year-out so be expecting a mailing of contracts and exhibiting applications soon.

The Affleck Book Revision committee has been reactivated and preliminary planning is underway. Some of you have been contacted already and all dealers, collectors and members are encouraged to participate. In a nutshell, the objective is to produce one complete volume on Virginia Obsolete Currency which includes an indexed numbering system and revised rarity scale of all Virginia Obsolete Notes known to date. Initially we are asking anyone with material not listed in the original works to contact me for further details and information: Keith Littlefield, 3902 Rose Lane, Annandale, Virginia 22003. This is a tremendous undertaking and your cooperation is the key to producing a quality reference work.

Our Secretary Malvern Powell informed the board at our last meeting in Charlottesville that the VNA has now had over 1,000 registered members! It is nice to see so much support across our state and across state lines. The membership **makes** the club and we are always ready to welcome new or renewed members. George Morehead, as the Membership Chairman, is busy developing new ideas and incentives to increase our enrollment even further. The theme for National Coin Week this year is "Numismatics: Open the Door with Books" so sign a friend up to receive "The Virginia Numismatist" or contribute an article on your speciality to open the door for someone else.

Take care, & Happy Holidays,
Keith Littlefield
President



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Howard E. Spain, Waverly, Virginia 23890.

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Charles E. Echols, P.O. Box 7586, Charlottesville, VA 22906

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Elvin B. Miller, P.O. Box 1133, Leesburg, Virginia 22075

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NEWS OF OUR CLUBS

TIDEWATER COIN CLUB

The annual Christmas dinner party of the Tidewater Coin Club had more than 70 members and guests.

After an auction and entertainment, the officers for the new year were installed: President: Ray Robinson; Vice President: Bob Cress; Secretary: Malcolm Gutterman; Master-at-Arms: John Cumisk; Board of Directors: Russ Ambrose, Luther Armstrong, Jim Boyle, Chuck Fiefield, Glan Hazen, John Rausch and Mort Renick.

The Club's Annual Coin and Stamp-A-Rama will be held at the Pavilion Virginia Beach Convention Center, May 24-26.

RICHMOND COIN CLUB

The annual Christmas Dinner meeting was held in December. After the dinner, the new officers for 1985 were installed.

New officers are: President: Dave Armstrong; V.P.: John Simpson; Secretary: Louise M. Tickle; Treasurer: L. Edwin Efford and Auctioneer: Jim Ruehrmond.

Jim Ruehrmond was selected by MANA as one of the outstanding numismatists of 1984.

VIRGINIA PENINSULA COIN CLUB

The January meeting was snowed out, so the donated auction was put off until a later date.

WASHINGTON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

Featured at the November meeting was an interesting talk on Yap Stone Money, by Cora Gilliland, Associate Curator of the National Numismatic

Collection. Members brought exhibits of varied materials.

At the December meeting there was no formal program, but exhibits were shown and coins were examined.

A slate of officers was presented, additional nominations were to be accepted from the floor, and the results would be announced later.

KENT COIN CLUB

At the December Annual Business Meeting, the following slate of officers for 1985 were elected:

Pres.: Bob Patterson; V.P.: Russ Frank; Sec.: Mark Elder; Treas.: Beverly Carmen; Sgt.-at-Arms: Phil Rynders; Board Member: Herb Simon, and Junior Board Member: Dave Patterson.

An auction was held, and plans were discussed for the Coin Show to be held on Sunday, September 29, 1985.

FREDERICKSBURG COIN CLUB

Plans are being made for future meetings and the Midwinter Coin Show at the Visitors Center in Fredericksburg.

SHENANDOAH VALLEY COIN CLUB

The Christmas Banquet was held at the Brooks Restaurant, in Verona. A good time was had by all.

The new officers were installed for the coming year: Pres.: Larry Hull; V.P.: Jim Ryder; Corr. Sec.: Clarence Armstrong; Rec. Sec.: Linwood Wilkes, and Treas.: Doug Seal.

Susan Michael was presented the Bob Brown Award by Robert Thayer and was congratulated by everyone.

Final plans are being made for the coming Coin Show, to be held March 9 and 10.

Members were reminded to be thinking about National Coin Week, to be held in April.

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CALENDAR OF CLUB SHOWS

Feb. 15-17	Sheraton Inn New Carrollton, MD	Suburban Washington, DC Coin Club
Feb. 21-24	San Antonio, Texas Marriott Hotel	American Num. Assn. Midwinter Convention
Mar. 8-10	Southern Inn Chattanooga, Tenn.	Tennessee State Numismatic Society
Mar. 9-10	Ingleside Hotel Staunton, US 11-N	Shenandoah Valley Coin Club
Apr. 13-14	American Legion Bldg. 710 Apperson Dr., Salem	Salem Coin Club
Apr. 19-21	Sheraton Inn New Carrollton, MD	WMPG Tri-Club
May 4-5	Howard Johnson Motel Petersburg, VA	Southside Numismatic Association
May 24-26	Virginia Beach Pavillion Convention Center	Tidewater Coin Club
June 14-16	Cook Convention Center Memphis, Tenn.	International Paper Money Show, Memphis CC
June 20-23	Hyatt House Cherry Hill, NJ	Garden State Numismatic Assoc.
July 12-14	Sheraton Inn New Carrollton, MD	Metropolitan Washington Num. Assn.
July 17-21	Regina Inn, Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada	Canadian Numismatic Association
August 10-11	Roanoke Civic Center Roanoke, VA	Roanoke Valley Coin Club
August 20-25	Convention Center Baltimore, MD	American Num. Assn. 94th Convention
Sept. 6-8	Sheraton Inn New Carrollton, MD	Maryland State Numismatic Assn.
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JOHN J. PITTMAN RECEIVES NUMISMATIC AMBASSADOR AWARD

ANA governor John J. Pittman of Rochester, New York, was chosen in January to receive the Numismatic Ambassador Award from publisher Clifford Mischler of NUMISMATIC NEWS, at the FUN Convention in Orlando, Florida. He is the 121st person to receive the award in the past decade. This highly valued award recognizes persons who have made many contributions to the coin collecting hobby, over and above the call of duty.

While some numismatic ambassadors are the type who are unsung, such is not the case with Pittman. From 1959 to 1985 he served as a member of the ANA board of governors and was elected to the office of president of the association in 1971, at the same time that he was also serving as president of the Canadian Numismatic Association and the Mexican Numismatic Association.

Our congratulations go to John, he has certainly earned the award for his many years of service to the hobby.

APPLICANTS FOR MEMBERSHIP

The following individuals have applied for membership in the Virginia Numismatic Association and will become members within 20 days from the mailing of this notice unless some adverse reaction is received, in which case the matter will be acted upon by the Board of Directors.

Applicant	Sponsor
Fennie Thacker, Haysi, Va.	Elvin Miller
James W. Thompson, Bridgeport, W.Va.	Elvin Miller

MARGO RUSSELL INJURED IN FALL

Margo Russell was supposed to retire as editor of COIN WORLD at the end of February, but on February 1st she fell and broke her hip. She was operated on at the hospital, and is recovering well, but she will have to postpone her attendance at the ANA banquet until the summer.

We wish her well in her retirement, and hope that she will have a complete recovery as soon as possible.

Those wanting to send her their best wishes for a speedy recovery can write to Margo at P.O. Box 783, Sidney, Ohio 45365.

HAMPTON CELEBRATES ITS 375th BIRTHDAY THIS YEAR

The City of Hampton is celebrating its 375th birthday all year long in this Year of Our Lord 1985.

We hope that all of our friends will come here to help us make it a really enjoyable celebration.

The world has turned on its axis many times in all those years, and many things have changed.

Wars, fires and floods have tried their best to destroy this settlement, but each time that happened the folks here came back and rebuilt or repaired their homes and business buildings, church and school buildings, large and small alike.

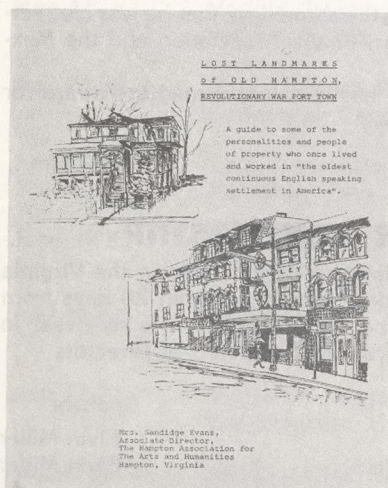
The military presence has always been important in Hampton, whether it were friend or foe, and it is still that way.

The folks that follow the water have always been important here. There is even a Shell Road, from the days when oyster shells furnished road-building material, lime for the farms, and food for the people who brought home the oysters, crabs, fish and shrimp. All was food and a living.

Sometimes the other side of the coin brought floods to wash away the land and level the houses, too.

Schools were built to educate the children, and banks to care for and lend money when it was needed.

There was a time when the National Banks were an important part of the financial picture in the community. Now there is only one National Bank of issue left that was started here. The corner of King and Queen Streets in Hampton used to be called "Bank Corner", because over the



The Masonic Temple
East Queen Street



years there have been banks on each of the four corners. There are still two banks located there, but they are branches of large statewide banks, not the locally owned ones that used to be there.

The military presence has always been important in Hampton. Fort Monroe was built to protect the entrance to Chesapeake Bay, as was Langley Field generations later.

Langley Field was the home of the first Laboratory of the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics, back when it was a base for the Army Air Corps.

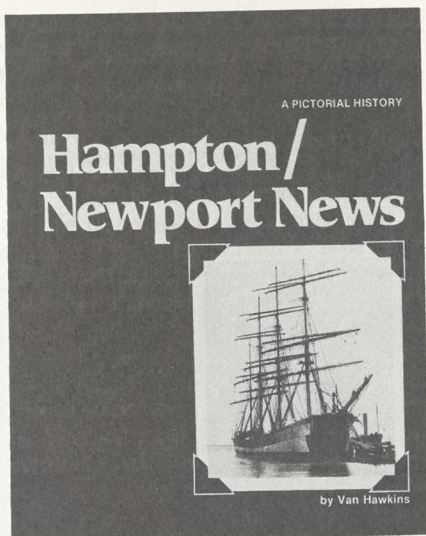
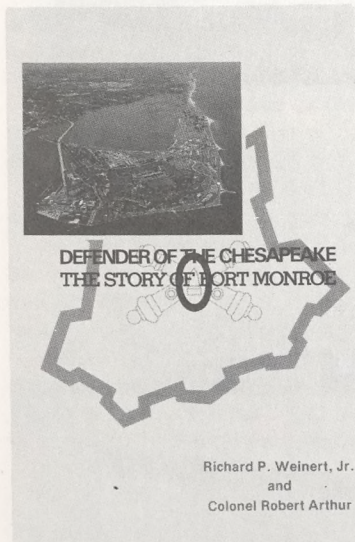
Now known as Langley Air Force Base, it is still home for the renamed National Aeronautics and Space Administration Laboratory.

When Hampton and Elizabeth City County merged, the resulting City

took the name of Hampton.

The present City of Hampton includes what was the Old City of Hampton, Elizabeth City County, Phoebus, Buckroe Beach, Fox Hill, Grand View and Wythe.

With the construction of the Hampton Roads Bridge Tunnel System and Interstate 64, and later on the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel system, and bridges across the James River and the York River, all of which replaced ferries and steam boats, Hampton has connections to all points of the compass at all hours of the day and night. At one time, the only way you could get out of Hampton and Newport News without paying a toll was to go west on Route 60, through what was Warwick County and the City of Williamsburg toward Richmond.



We invite all our friends to come to Hampton during our 375th Birthday Celebration. We think that it is a nice place to be.

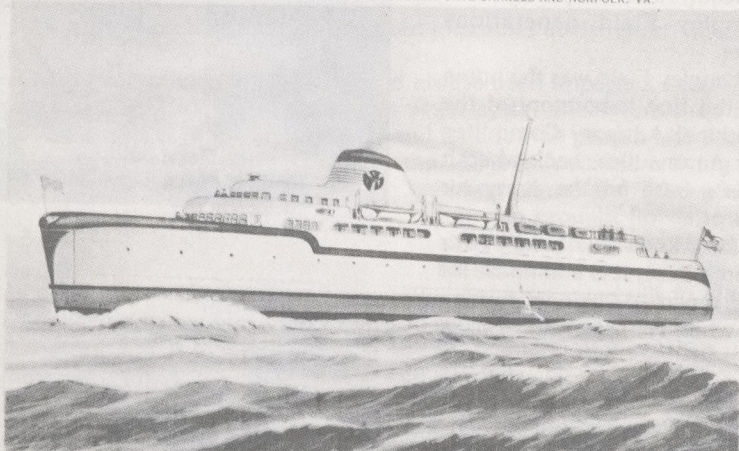
annies vignettes

by annie mckalvey

to start off the new year, i have three items to share with you, two postcards and an old bank note.

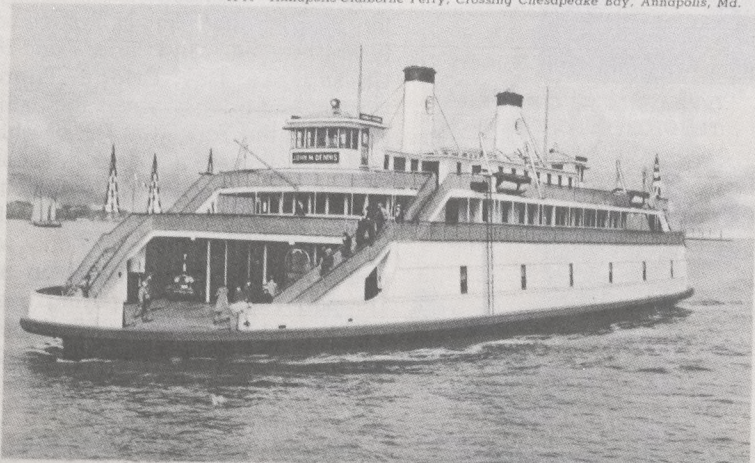
they do not look alike, but they all have to do with ways to get from the west side of the chesapeake bay in virginia and maryland to the east side, or vice versa.

28. THE S. S. PRINCESS ANNE FERRY BOAT BETWEEN CAPE CHARLES AND NORFOLK, VA.



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A-11 - Annapolis-Claiborne Ferry, Crossing Chesapeake Bay, Annapolis, Md.



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the first card shows the s s princess anne, which ran between little creek in norfolk to cape charles at the southern tip of the eastern shore. of course, the kicker in that was, if you were starting from hampton, you had to take a ferry to get over to the norfolk side to get to little creek.

if you were up in maryland, you could get the ferry running from annapolis to the eastern shore. this was of course provided that the line of cars ahead of you was not too long and you could get on one of the ferries without waiting for the next one.



if you were unable to get across on one of these ferries, then you filled up with gasoline and started wending your way up north to harve-de-grace, to try your luck there.

now you have to remember that the bridge there was a toll bridge, and if you hit there when one of the race tracks was about over for the day, there would be a long line of cars ahead of you, and one of them could stall, have a flat tire or run out of gas.

have you ever wondered why they called those the good old days . . . i guess that is because we were younger then . . .

the note show here is a 5 dollar demand note on the havre-de-grace bank, dated 1840. as you can see, it too has had a hard life, and the left end has been nibbled off over the years. the note was only printed on the face, the back being left blank.

i asked don about the condition of the note. he said that back then five dollars in cash represented a considerable sum, and notes were used until they practically fell apart. that is why they call people who collect that type of material by the generic name of rag pickers, i was informed.

hope you like my vignettes
annie mck

NATIONAL COIN WEEK April 21-27, 1985

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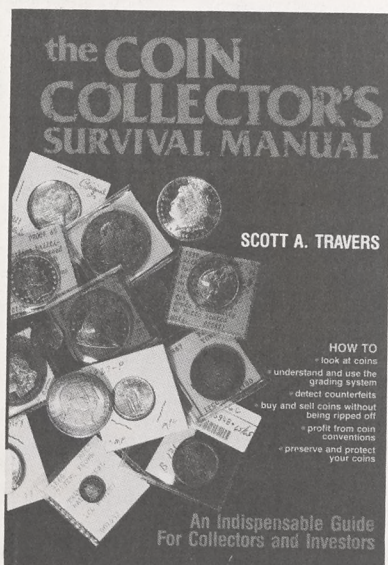
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It has been said that when one holds a coin, he has history in his hand. But without books to explain that history, a coin is merely a lump of metal, cold and inanimate. Books give coins a life and history as exciting as any real person.

We hope that all of our member clubs and our members will take the time to share our hobby with others during National Coin Week in Virginia, April 21-27, 1985.

Displays, talks, articles in newspapers, and sharing your hobby in other ways will help to spread the word during National Coin Week in Virginia -1985.

Please write to our Secretary and let him know what you have done in spreading the word to others.



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by Scott A. Travers

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cellent definitions of grading terms, with incisive explanations and analyses of grading practices, with vivid self-help photographs, and with a unique grading survey that illustrates just why grading is such a volatile issue. Participants in the survey include dealers and the American Numismatic Association.

Chapters on preserving and safeguarding coins reveal some surprises that could help readers both save money and protect their investment.

1985 U.S. PROOF COIN ORDERS START IN FEBRUARY

The Mint has sent out cards for ordering the 1985 Proof Coin Sets. They advise that the price per set will be \$11.00 each, and that the ordering period will begin in February.

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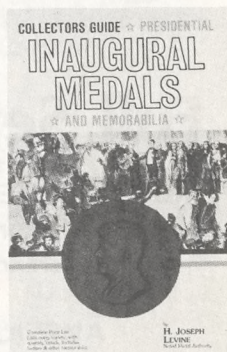
If you do not have the order card, the order for 1985 Proof Set orders only is: United States Mint, P.O. Box 7662, San Francisco, CA 94120-7662. Be sure to keep a record of your order.

THE 1985 REAGAN-BUSH INAUGURAL MEDAL

The official Reagan-Bush inaugural medal for 1984 will be designed by sculptor Mico Kaufman, at his North Trewksbury, Mass., studio.

The medal will be produced in bronze, silver and gold for sale to the public.

President Reagan will be shown on the left, and Vice President Bush will be shown on the right.



A COIN WILL REPLACE THE BRITISH ONE POUND NOTE

It would seem that some people in England were not overwhelmed by the announcement by Chancellor of the Exchequer Nigel Lawson that the Bank of England would stop printing the one pound notes, replacing them with the one pound coin.

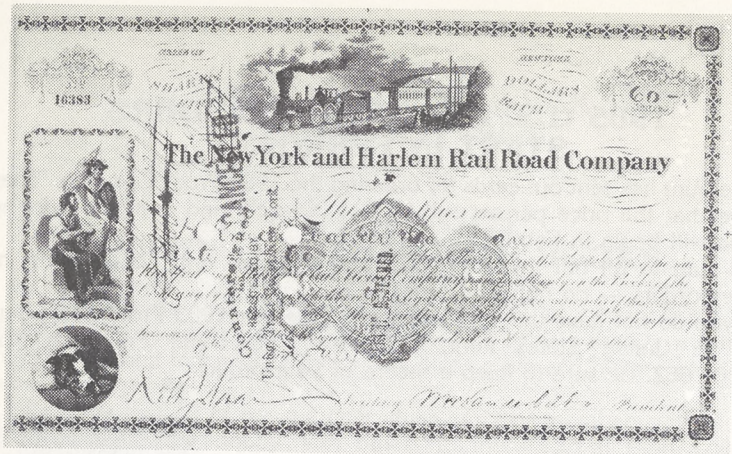
The small one pound coins were introduced in 1983 and seem to be about as popular as the small size Susan B. Anthony dollar was here in this country.

Lawson said that scrapping the one pound note, currently worth \$1.27, will save the government about \$3.8 million in 1985, since the one pound coin has 50 times the life of the note, yet costs less than twice as much to produce.

The government's action will not eliminate the one pound notes in Scotland, where three commercial banks issue their own currency.

The one pound note, commonly known as a "quid", has been around for 70 years. The Bank of England says that a pound note usually stays in circulation for only 10 months before wearing out.

Lawson also said that the half-penny coin would cease to be legal tender on December 31st. The coin, better known as the "ha'penny" and worth three-fifths of one U.S. cent, has been in circulation since 1280 but the government stopped issuing them in March. A lot of "ha'pennies" buy very little in this day and age, and the coin costs more to mint than it is worth.



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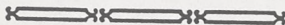
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PRESIDENT'S LETTER



Spring is upon us and I'm looking forward to the nice weather as I'm sure you are. I recently attended the February 16th show at the Sheraton in Lanham, Md., and the Shenandoah Valley Coin Club Show March 9th in Staunton. If you can travel, these fine shows and similar activities will not only keep you involved with numismatics but allow you to pursue your specific interest on a year round basis. There is always an excellent show at least once every two months within a feasible commuting distance for most of us. I'm surprised to see so many VNA members and not so regular showgoers between our club activities.

We as a club have recently received several letters which were returned with membership dues, concerned about what the club actually offers them in return for their generous support. The major issue raised is that their only contact with the VNA is the actual act of receiving the Virginia Numismatist and that its distribution has been very erratic for the past year.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused some of our members and we readily admit that we have had some minor difficulties (personal and club related) in the timely publishment of each issue. These have been unavoidable. What is contained in the Numismatist? This publication was designed to allow member clubs and individuals to communicate with each other as well as providing the vehicle for circulation of original research. Club and individual correspondence is somewhat limited and the bulk of the issue is devoted to educational research. How many research articles did we receive in the past 2 years from members? (Incidentally we published them all.) Only ONE original research article from a member was submitted for publication, and that was prior to the 1983 Convention in Richmond. The Don Roberts Award for the best member article was not awarded in 1984 because there were no eligible entries of an educational nature.

We as officers and members of the board are nominated and elected to office by membership. This is an honor we do not take lightly and we are keenly aware of our responsibilities. Our time, like your support, is strictly voluntary and nonprofit. A tremendous amount of thought and labor, on behalf of our Editor, goes into every issue. This task is compounded by the fact that he is essentially creating each individual issue from scratch due to the lack of articles and information submitted by the membership. I share this responsibility as a member and I am currently preparing an article to send to Don and you should also. Granted this takes time and effort but don't take the ANA 1984 Award for Best Regional Publication as a given.

The second observation I would like to make is that the Virginia Numismatist should not be your only contact or benefit of being a

member of our organization. We always have a lot of irons in the fire, and are usually begging for membership cooperation on any given number of activities. For example: behind the scenes we are gearing up for National Coin Week, looking for a Guest Speaker, preparing for our 1985 Convention & Coin Show (a continual process), the Affleck Book Revision Committee is hard at work, we are researching The History of the VNA for publication, trying to revamp the Annual Coin Club Breakfast, looking for an Advertising Chairman, and organizing a membership drive/incentive program. We as a club want your help and we need your support. Many of you have been members for many years and will continue to be so. That's the type of membership and support we need to build on. Your dues are greatly appreciated and if you have some free time or expertise and you would like to contribute let me know. I'm not an arm twister or bush-beater; if you see some areas in our club that you feel may need adjustment or improvement get personally involved. We can only benefit from the process.

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Charles E. Echols, P.O. Box 7586, Charlottesville, VA 22906

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WANTED - Virginia Depression scrip and Virginia National Bank notes.

Elvin B. Miller, P.O. Box 1133, Leesburg, Virginia 22075

WANTED - for my personal collection: \$1,000 and \$500 VA Treasury notes; \$10,000 Bank of the United States, and Georgia CR 9. Have large price list of Confederate and obsolete currency (especially VA) for large SASE.

Samuel E. Roakes, Jr., 281 Rustic Ridge Dr., Kennesaw, GA. 30144.

WANTED - City of Richmond notes signed "Chamberlayne."

John H. Chamberlayne, 2793 28th St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 2008

WANTED - Will buy or trade for reasonable National Currency from southwest Virginia and southern West Virginia. Albert Smith, Box 446V, Marion, VA 24354

BUY AND SELL - Medallion Art - medals, plaques, plaquettes, etc.

Philip J. Medicus, 11 Baylor Circle, White Plains, N.Y. 10605

WANTED - Virginia elongated coins for personal collection. Price and description in first letter.

Ginnie S. Aldridge, 515 Pinehurst Ave., Colonial Heights, Va. 23834.

WANTED - For personal collection - A fifty cent (50¢) Page County Note, dated Oct. 1, 1861.

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NEWS OF OUR CLUBS

SALEM COIN CLUB

The Salem Coin Club is having their spring show at the American Legion Building, 710 Apperson Drive, Salem, April 13 and 14.

For bourse information, write: W. L. Camp, Jr., Route 2, Box 306, Fin-castle, Va 24090.

TIDEWATER COIN CLUB

The Club's Annual Coin and Stamp-A-Rama will be held at the Pavilion Virginia Beach Convention Center, May 24-26.

There is plenty of free parking space, and there will be a goodly number of dealers to try to fill your needs.

MONTICELLO COIN CLUB

The Club in Charlottesville ordered a slide program for the Club meeting from the Virginia Numismatic Association.

VIRGINIA PENINSULA COIN CLUB

Snow prevented the Club from having a meeting in January, but the weather in February was fine, and so was the Annual Banquet.

A good crowd turned out for the meal and the fellowship, and was pleased with both.

Door prizes were distributed during the evening, and each person received one.

New Club officers for the coming year were installed: President: Richard Garfield; Vice-Pres.: Norman Strock; Sec.-Treas.: Carl Hornberger and Sgt.-At-Arms: Scott Thomas.

The President's Gavel was presented to the new President by the

immediate Past President, who was then presented with a Past President's Plaque.

A very interesting and informative talk was given by Chester Rundel, a former police officer in the City of Hampton, on "Protection of Homes and Collections." He has specialized in this type of work and told of the many types of security items on the market at the present time, as well as how they were installed and used.

WASHINGTON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

The January meeting featured an interesting talk by Berry Frere, Assistant Director of Marketing, Bureau, who spoke on Marketing Programs of the U.S. Mint.

The speaker for the February meeting was William Lenz, who is very involved in the presentation of the ANA meeting to be held in Baltimore this summer.

New officers for the coming year are: Pres.: Frank A. Katen; 1st V.P.: Ron Menenchetti; 2nd V.P.: Dr. James Lore; Sec.: Laurese Katen; Treas.: L. Keith Pusey; Sgt.-at-Arms: Sam Butland; and Board of Directors: Frank Palumbo, Eldridge Jones, Leonard Harsell, John Fuller and Mae Clarke.

KENT COIN CLUB

New officers for the Club over on the Eastern Shore are: Pres.: Bob Patterson; V.P.: Russ Frank; Sec.: Mark Elder; Treas.: Beverly Carmen; Sgt-at-Arms: Phil Rynders; Board Member: Herb Simon; Junior board: T. R. Masino and Dave Patterson.

SHENANDOAH VALLEY CLUB

The Club members were working on getting ready for the Coin Show to be held in March and on National Coin Week to be held in April.

CALENDAR OF CLUB SHOWS

Mar. 8-10	Southern Inn Chattanooga, Tenn.	Tennessee State Numismatic Society
Mar. 9-10	Ingleside Hotel Staunton, US 11-N	Shenandoah Valley Coin Club
Apr. 13-14	American Legion Bldg. 710 Apperson Dr., Salem	Salem Coin Club
Apr. 19-21	Sheraton Inn New Carrollton, MD	WMPG Tri-Club
May 4-5	Howard Johnson Motel Petersburg, VA	Southside Numismatic Association

May 24-26	Virginia Beach Pavillion Convention Center	Tidewater Coin Club
June 14-16	Cook Convention Center Memphis, Tenn.	International Paper Money Show, Memphis CC
June 20-23	Hyatt House Cherry Hill, NJ	Garden State Numismatic Assoc.
July 12-14	Sheraton Inn New Carrollton, MD	Metropolitan Washington Num. Assn.
July 17-21	Regina Inn, Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada	Canadian Numismatic Association
August 10-11	Roanoke Civic Center Roanoke, VA	Roanoke Valley Coin Club
August 20-25	Convention Center Baltimore, MD	American Num. Assn. 94th Convention
Sept. 6-8	Sheraton Inn New Carrollton, MD	Maryland State Numismatic Assn.
Sept. 19-22	Hyatt House Cherry Hill, NJ	Great Eastern Numismatic Assn.
Sept. 20-22	Cook Convention Center Memphis, Tenn.	Tennessee State Numismatic Society
SEPT. 27-29	NATURAL BRIDGE HOTEL NATURAL BRIDGE, VA	VIRGINIA NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION
Oct. 17-20	Sheraton Inn New Carrollton, MD	Middle Atlantic Numismatic Association

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Virginia residents are to include 4% sales tax.

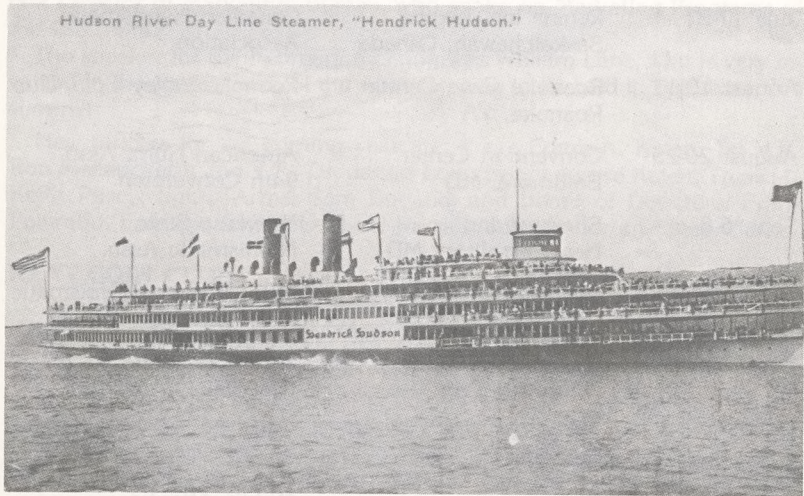
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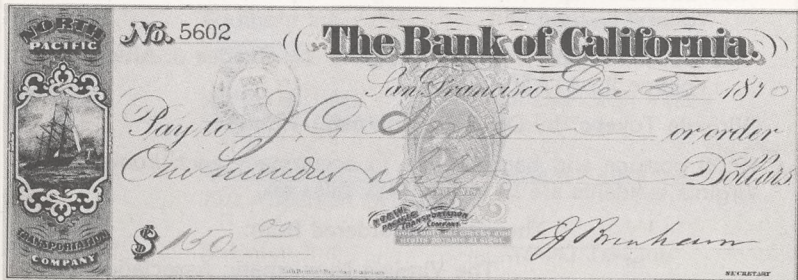
annies vignettes

by annie mackalvey

the first item i have to show you this time is a postcard that was postmarked in september of 1912. it cost one cent to pay for the postage for the journey to its destination at that time.



shown on the card is the hudson river day line steamer - hendrick hudson, under way and looking as though it were loaded plimsoll down with people, all apparently having a good time on the trip. back then that was the way a lot of people traveled, on a journey, a vacation or perhaps just for a one day outing.



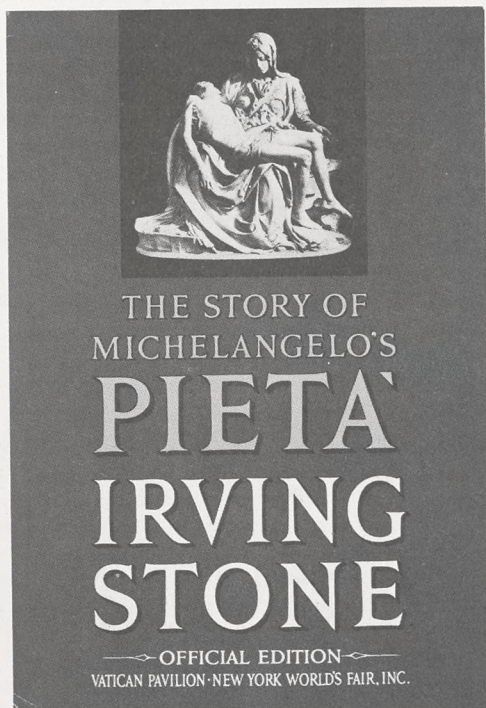
the second item is a check from the north pacific transportation company, drawn on the bank of california in san francisco, back in the 1800's,

for 150 dollars. a vignette of a ship is shown on the left end.

as you can see, the first two items here both involve people, and they also come from places a long way apart. the dates on both of them seem to be a long time ago, to me.

but when you compare these numbers to the age of the next one, they are not even on the same scale of magnitude . . . it goes back to just before the year 1500 . . .

in the fall of 1498, 23-year-old michelangelo began carving what many consider his most important work of art - the pieta - which was brought from rome to new york for display in the vatican pavilion at the 1964 worlds fair.



the book shown, the story of michelangelos pieta, by irving stone, presents the dramatic story behind the creation of one of the greatest sculptural masterpieces of all time - michelangelos inspired solution to the technical problems presented by his revolutionary concept of the pieta, his difficulty in obtaining the block of flawless white carrara marble, the privations he suffered while working on it, and its secret midnight installation in st. peters.

hope you like my vignettes
annie mck

PROFILES: REED WALTON



By Betsy Powell

What looks like a sleepy, little shop is actually a room filled with "gold-rush" memories.

The man behind the counter can lean back in his chair now and leisurely tell of the days when people were lined up down the hall waiting to get in; waiting for their chance to sell a piece of family heritage.

The storyteller is Reed Walton, a Hampton native and owner of Reed S. Walton Coins in Mercury Plaza Mall.

At first a hobby, Walton's passion for coins led him to open this shop in 1968, but he's been buying as a speculator since 1955. In all of these years dealing with coins, stamps and collectibles, his most interesting experiences by far seem to come from the "gold-rush" days.

From November 1979 to March 1980, the price of gold skyrocketed, and people rushed to sell many family heirlooms. Trying to corner the silver market, the Hunt brothers in Texas had provided the catalyst for these rising bullion prices. High inflation added to it, and within just a few months, silver rose from \$7 to \$50 an ounce, and gold jumped from \$275 to \$850 an ounce. The price of collectibles went up also, because many people began to invest in them rather than hold onto money.

Walton hired extra help during this time; it took five people instead of the usual one or two to handle all of the shop's business. He bought "just about anything in the world made of silver and gold" and still managed to conduct his daily business with paying customers.

A security guard had to be stationed at the front door; only a few people at a time could be allowed in on the really busy days, because the shop is

only two narrow aisles surrounded by glass cabinets.

Normally open from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Walton even had to start closing for an hour in the afternoons to get caught up and get his purchases ready to mail to the refinery.

"It seems strange that you're closing up because you're too busy to get things done, but that's the way things worked for a while," Walton recalls.

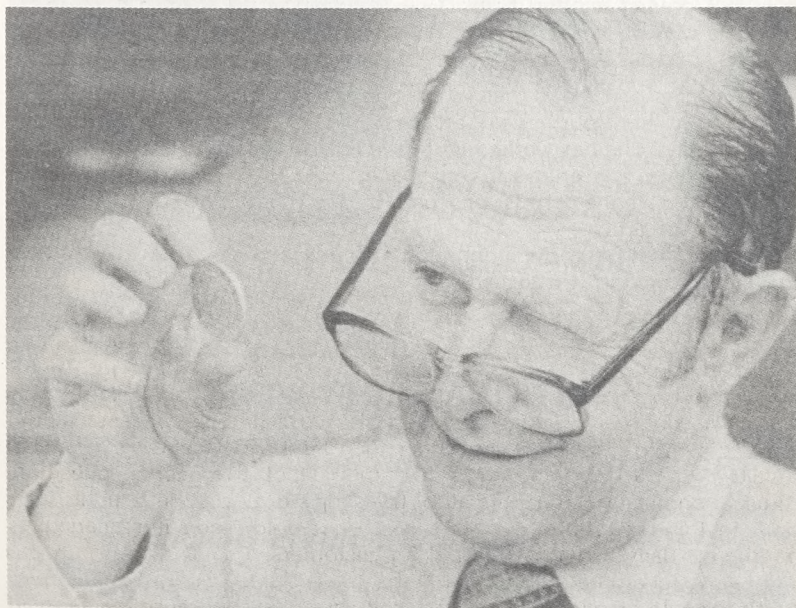
Apparently most of the customers who were anxious to sell were not desperate for the money. As a matter of fact, Walton says, "I bought stuff from people who could've walked in and bought the place."

According to Walton, people don't usually rush to sell on a high market; as the value of their collectibles increases, they hold out to see how high the market will go. Noting these two facts, it seems hard to understand the rush that took place in the coin shop.

Gene Hiser, who works in the shop part time, attributes the increase in business to the "herd instinct" principle. "If everybody's doing it, and you're not, you've got to get in it too, so you don't feel like you're missing something. Most people don't want to get left out."

The two men also talked about what this means in terms of society in general. Hiser calls this "an antiseptic society," where people are more willing to get rid of anything that has a heritage or is considered antique, if the price is high enough. Here, they thought, was an opportunity to clear out some "clutter" around the house, turn it into cash (possibly at \$850 an ounce), and use the money for more practical purposes.

As a result, Walton feels there will be fewer antiques in the future. Most of these family heirlooms were sent off to refineries and melted down. At that time, values were determined solely by metal content — numismatic,



sentimental and artistic values were not taken into consideration.

"To one person, something doesn't have any sentimental value. to another it does," Walton pointed out. And if he felt the sentimental value of an item might overshadow its metal content value, he encouraged the owner to keep it and consider passing it down instead.

Walton pushes his glasses up on his forehead and tells stories about some items he bought. Everything from chains to flatware to bridgework crossed his counter, and along one wall there is a whole shelf of silver tea services that were too nice to melt down.

One customer sold his high school ring — three times, and finally let it go the last time after buying it back twice. Another came in to sell a wedding ring, saying "I don't want it because it reminds me of my ex," and suggested that this might be one way to make money off a divorce.

Walton says collecting used to be done strictly for the joy of wanting something and getting it. With the sudden change in values, people now tend to view collecting more as an investment, he said.

He remembers hearing for the first time about a dealer and his scales at an antique show. A man walked up to sell a silver antique. The dealer put it on the scales, bought it, and then stepped on it. Still standing there, the customer said he never would have sold his antique if he'd known what would happen to it. The dealer explained that it was simply worth more as scrap metal.

Since the "gold-rush" ended, Walton feels that people have started to value traditional items again, but doesn't know what would happen if we had another rush. Within the next few years, gold and silver prices could go back up again — some are predicting even higher than before.

Walton doesn't feel that prices will ever go quite that high again, and he does not predict another rush. "I never would've dreamed that so many would've wanted to sell the first time."

EDITORS NOTE: Betsey Powell is the daughter of Malvern and Emily Powell of Newport News (Mal is the Secretary-Treasurer of VNA).

She is in her fourth year at the College of William and Mary, in Williamsburg. She has worked part time for the Newport News Daily Press for some time, and enjoys it very much.

We appreciate the permission from Mr. Joe West of the Daily Press, Inc., to reprint the article.

We think that Betsy did a good job with this, and we appreciate her help to VNA by sharing it with us.

NATIONAL COIN WEEK **April 21-27, 1985**

The theme for National Coin Week 1985 is:

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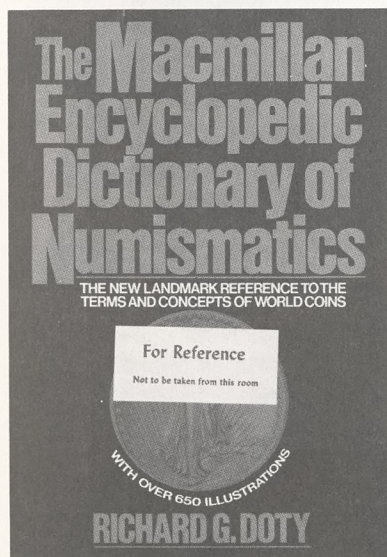
It has been said that when one holds a coin, he has history in his hand. But without books to explain that history, a coin is merely a lump of

metal, cold and inanimate. Books give coins a life and history as exciting as any real person.

We hope that all of our member clubs and our members will take the time to share our hobby with others during National Coin Week in Virginia, April 21-27, 1985.

Displays, talks, articles in newspapers, and sharing your hobby in other ways will help to spread the word during National Coin Week in Virginia -1985.

Please write to our Secretary and let him know what you have done in spreading the word to others.



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by Richard G. Doty

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Richard G. Doty, Ph.D., is Curator of Modern Coins and Paper Money at the American Numismatic Society in New York. This book is a natural outgrowth of the author's work at the society. Doty is also the author of several other books on numismatics.

CHANGES IN 1985 BRITISH PROOF SET

1985 is an extremely important year for Britain in numismatic terms. This will be immediately apparent to any collector when he sees the new British Proof Set struck by the British Royal Mint. For the first time in 17 years there is a change in the obverse design of all Britain's circulating coinage. As of January 1, 1985, all British coins will bear the new portrait



New obverse design by Raphael Maklouf



Reverse designs include new Welsh pound
1985 UNITED KINGDOM COIN COLLECTION

of the Queen, designed by Raphael Maklouf. This is, in fact, the third portrait of Queen Elizabeth II to be used on British coins since Her Majesty came to the throne in 1952. The design was created by Maklouf to be "a symbol, an ageless portrait of Her Majesty, rather than a photographic image." The portrait was selected by the Royal Mint Advisory Committee from a total of 38 models submitted by 17 artists from the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth. The Chairman of the Committee is HRH the Duke of Edinburgh.

Another important change in the British Proof Set is that for the first time ever, there is no 1/2p coin. The ha'penny was discontinued during 1984. Production by the British Royal Mint ceased on March 29, and the coin was officially demonitized on December 31, 1984.

The third exciting feature of the 1985 British Proof Set is the introduction of the Welsh £1 coin. It is the second of four regional variants which are scheduled to appear, one for each year, following the introduction of the pound coin in April 1983. The reverse depicts the national emblem of Wales, the leek, a plant which has had its place in Welsh history since the days of St. David. Like the coins of 1983 and 1984, the Welsh pound bears an edge inscription. The 1985 coin is inscribed: PLEIDIOL WYF I'M GWALD which translates, "True am I to my own country."

A mintage limit of only 125,000 1985 British Proof Sets has been authorized. The collection is attractively presented in a clear acrylic frame within either a handsome leatherette or a superb genuine leather presentation wallet. The 1985 collection is also available in Brilliant Uncirculated condition and is identical in all respects to the proof coins except that they do not undergo the stringent selection and striking processes involved in producing proofs and do not have the frosted finish of the proof coins. The collection is presented in an attractive and informative full color folder. Prices are:

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THE CHERRY BLOSSOM FESTIVAL IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

The National Cherry Blossom Festival, Washington's annual springtime celebration, will run April 7 through 13. It will include such activities as the ceremonial lighting of the Japanese Stone Lantern, the Grand Cherry Blossom Ball and numerous outdoor concerts, ending with the grand parade, featuring the Cherry Blossom "princesses" from each state.

For more details, including the calendar of events, send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to: Downtown Jaycees, "1985 Cherry Blossom Festival" brochure, 1140 Connecticut Ave. NW, Suite 295, Washington, D.C. 20036.

MAGAZINES ABOUT MONEY

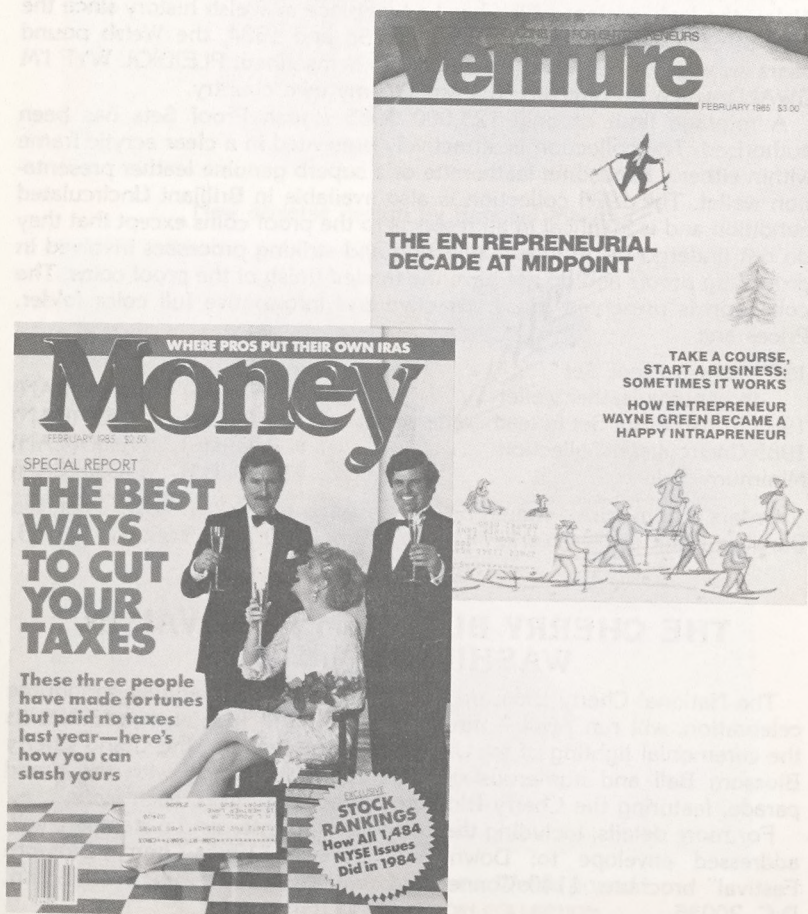
There seem to be a lot of ways to learn about money, but now there are a number of magazines to tell you how to make it, how to spend it, how to save it for the best results and how to keep from paying any more taxes on it than you have to.

Shown here are two different ones that are on the market now: VENTURE and MONEY.

All of these magazines can make suggestions about certain courses and actions, but the big problem remains that you have to be able to adapt them to your particular situation at the time and in the place where you are.

As the man has said before — therein is the rub. It is generally best to look long and carefully before you leap. Have fun reading!

Thanks to Mal Powell for furnishing the magazines, and bringing them to our attention.



CRIME STOPPERS

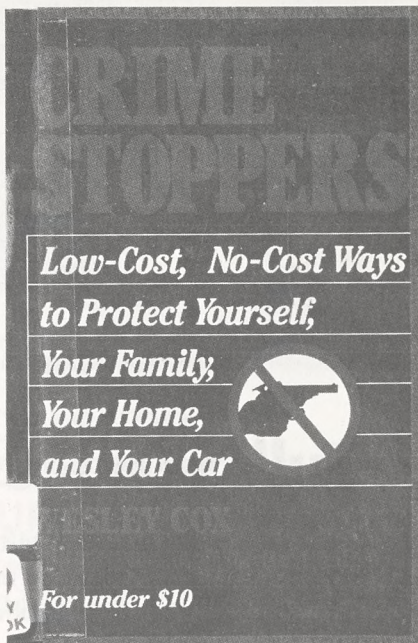
This book by Wesley Cox is for do-it-yourself-ers, not for the man (or woman) who has to get some one to replace an electrical fuse for them.

He gives lots of hints as to how you can make your home safer to live in and harder for an intruder to break into.

It is described as a Low-Cost, No-Cost Ways to Protect Yourself, Your Family, Your Home and Your Car.

It is put out by Crown Publishers, Inc., N.Y., N.Y., and this one was in our local public library.

Even if you just want to find out how some of these things work, it will give you an idea as to some that are available and how and why they work.



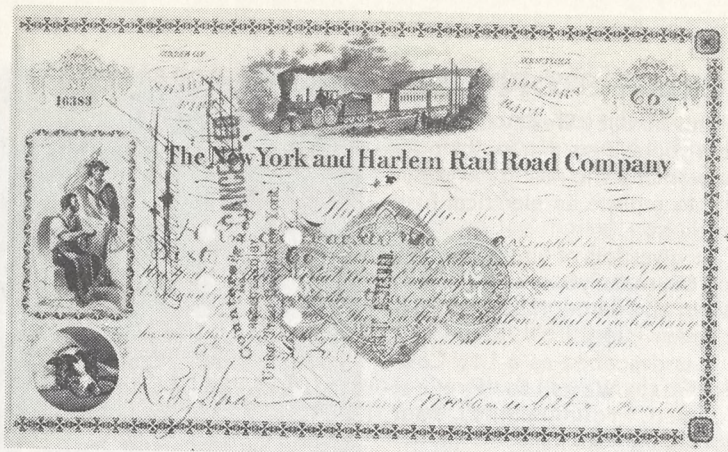
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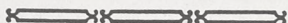
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PRESIDENT'S LETTER



Spring is finally upon us and I am looking forward to the upcoming numismatic season as I'm sure you are. Everyone should have received their back issues of "Virginia Numismatist" and we will make every effort to keep our publication on schedule. Please keep those articles coming. Since the collecting interest of our members is so varied, any article on a speciality of yours may generate additional interest or information from another member. Articles can be general in nature or they can be specialized to your locality. For example — a lot of small towns had tokens & paper money issued in them and you may be able to tap local sources of information — libraries, business directories, newspapers, birth and death records, property records, business tax information, etc. — that other collectors may not have the time or access to research.

One upcoming event that some of you may not be aware of is that the ANA 1985 Convention will be held in Baltimore this August 20-25 and it should promise to be a most enjoyable trip. The Baltimore Harbor area is a very nice attraction with numerous shops, restaurants, and one of the finest aquariums in the world. This will give everyone a great opportunity to rub elbows with your fellow numismatist and experience one of this country's finest city revitalization efforts.

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NEWS OF OUR CLUBS

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The Club in the star city is making plans for their 22nd Annual Coin Show to be held in the Roanoke Civic Center on August 10 and 11 (please note the change of date from July). All collectors will be made welcome.

TIDEWATER COIN CLUB

Preparations are about complete for the Annual Coin and Stamp-A-Rama to be held at the Pavallion Virginia Beach Convention Center, May 24-26.

There is plenty of free parking space, and all collectors will be made welcome.

VIRGINIA PENINSULA COIN CLUB

The Club placed an exhibit in the Hampton Public Library for 1985 National Coin Week in Virginia.

WASHINGTON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

Members are making plans to attend the ANA Summer Show in Baltimore this summer, as well as the Coin Shows in their own area.

KENT COIN CLUB

Plans are underway for the Club members to take trips to the Shows to be held here in the East this summer.

SHENANDOAH VALLEY COIN CLUB

The Club Show Committee wants to thank everyone who contributed to making the recent Coin and Stamp Show a successful one. A full report

will be made at the next Club meeting.

A Board Meeting of the Virginia Numismatic Association was held during the Show, in a space provided by the Club.

RICHMOND COIN CLUB

Spring meetings have been held by the Club in the Big City on the James.

Club members expect to be going to some of the shows that will be held this summer.

CALENDAR OF CLUB SHOWS

May 4-5	Howard Johnson Motel Petersburg, VA	Southside Numismatic Association
May 24-26	Virginia Beach Pavillion Convention Center	Tidewater Coin Club
June 14-16	Cook Convention Center Memphis, Tenn.	International Paper Money Show, Memphis CC
June 20-23	Hyatt House Cherry Hill, NJ	Garden State Numismatic Assoc.
July 12-14	Sheraton Inn New Carrollton, MD	Metropolitan Washington Num. Assn.
July 17-21	Regina Inn, Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada	Canadian Numismatic Association
August 10-11	Roanoke Civic Center Roanoke, VA	Roanoke Valley Coin Club
August 20-25	Convention Center Baltimore, MD	American Num. Assn. 94th Convention
Sept. 6-8	Sheraton Inn New Carrollton, MD	Maryland State Numismatic Assn.
Sept. 19-22	Hyatt House Cherry Hill, NJ	Great Eastern Numismatic Assn.
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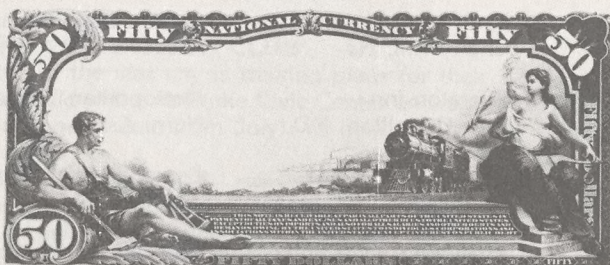
by annie mckalvey

this time i have some information on some beautiful items that are to be available from the bureau of engraving and printing this year that should be very interesting.

the first is a souvenir card to be issued for the international coin club of el paso, texas, to commemorate the texas numismatic association convention held in april in el paso, texas.

the card features a replica of the back of a 50 dollar national currency note from the first issue of the third charter period for national bank notes, showing the vignette — mechanics and navigation, engraved by baldwin and smillie in 1902.

INTERNATIONAL COIN CLUB OF EL PASO, TEXAS



The Bureau of Engraving and Printing is pleased to issue this souvenir card to commemorate the Texas Numismatic Association's 27th Convention on April 19—21, 1985, in El Paso, Texas.

The note featured here is a replica of the back of a \$50 National Currency Note from the first issue of the third charter period for National Bank Notes. The third charter period introduced a change in design for all denominations, and all notes of this period are Series of 1902. These notes, bearing a red seal on the face, were issued between 1902 and 1908. Relatively few of these notes are in existence, and known specimens are generally from the largest and most populous states.



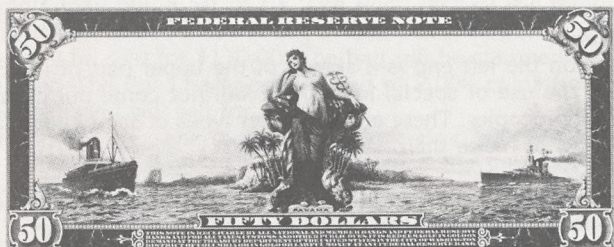
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the second is a souvenir card to be issued for the pacific northwest numismatic association in seattle, washington.

the card features a replica of the back of a 50 dollar federal reserve note, series 1914, one of the denominations authorized by the new federal reserve act of 1913, showing the symbolic female figure of panama, posi-

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SEATTLE, WASHINGTON



The Bureau of Engraving and Printing is pleased to issue this souvenir card to commemorate the Pacific Northwest Numismatic Association Convention on May 17-19, 1985, in Seattle, Washington.

The note featured here is a replica of the back of a \$50 Federal Reserve Note, Series 1914. It is one of the denominations authorized under the Federal Reserve Act of December 23, 1913. The first day of issue for this note was November 16, 1914. The back design features the symbolic figure of Liberty between two ships. This design appeared on both the red seal and blue seal notes of the series, and a similar design was used on the Series 1918 Federal Reserve Bank Note.



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tioned between two ships, and was used on several later notes.

for the third one i have no picture to show you, but this one is about an item that should be interesting to all collectors.

the bureau will be issuing prints at several shows this year that will feature two views of the statue of liberty — the one is a vignette of the entire statute, and the other shows the framed head. these will be done in different colored inks at the different shows. this should be an attractive souvenir for 1985, with the proposal for commemorative coins to be issued for the reconstruction and repair of the famous statue in the new york harbor.

for more information on these items you may write to: mail order sales, room 602-11a, bureau of engraving and printing, washington, d.c. 20028. but you better write the address in both upper and lower case letters, not the way i write on mine.

hope you like my vignettes
annie mck

MINT MARK: C C

By Cassandra Cash

Some more interesting things about the possibilities of different types of U.S. bank notes and checks proposed for use in the future are coming to light.

The familiar type of U.S. Government check that we have been seeing for years, with the IBM type punch marks, is to be replaced by a new style with better security features. This is to be phased in over a period of several years.

Featured on the left end is a sketch of the upper part of the Statue of Liberty. By the use of special inks, these will not come out clearly if run through a photocopier. There are also other types of security features used on the check, to make them safer.

As has been rumored, there are plans to consider the use of new types of Federal Reserve Bank notes, which make up the greater part of the U.S. paper money in use today.

It is reported that the Treasury has had samples made up showing the use of colors and other security features to test and to show to other government departments. They have not yet been publicly shown.

The Treasury thinks that these will be needed to keep down counterfeiting from the much more sophisticated photo copying machines that are expected to be available to do-it-yourself-ers in the 1990's.

Some of the new features under consideration are the use of three-dimensional holograms similar to those already being used on credit cards. An example of this was shown on the cover of the March 1984 issue of the National Geographic Magazine, which attracted a great deal of attention. Another idea is to have a fibre glass thread inbedded in the note, that would only show up as a line if the note were photocopied.

Other features include the Latent Image, a concealed intaglio image which appears by viewing a document at a prescribed angle; Void Features, a special lithographic printing technique which causes the word "Void" to show up in xerographic copies of original documents; a special type of ink that causes the word "Void" to appear when unauthorized alterations are attempted; security devices in the invisible spectrum; diffractive identification devices known as "thin films" which selectively transmit specific color on thin film; the use of marking methods to enable the blind to determine the value of the note, and also the use of such materials as Du Pont's "Tyvek" Certibond in place of the paper that has been in use for so many years. (See "Real Plastic Money", by L. K. Chavis, VA NUM, May 1984)

There seems to be a contention between the Treasury Department and the Congress as to whom should have the say on the selection of the end product. Congress wants to, but the Treasury says that is unnecessary.

Both of these sections devoutly hope that the end product will not turn out to be received by the general public in the same manner as were the 1976 Two Dollar Note or the Susan B. Anthony One Dollar Coin.

A lot of collectors have voiced the hope that if a new note series does come out, it will look as nice as the older National Bank and Federal Reserve Notes were. For those of us that can remember them, they make

the present Federal Reserve Notes look something like cigar store coupons.

By the way, the Mint is now going to sell some of the Anthony dollars, both in sets and in several sizes of bags. You might want to pick up some of them while they are still available.

Collectors may buy a set of six, one from each of the mints, for both 1979 and 1980, for \$10 a set. A bag of 100 coins, all from a specific mint and year, will be sold for \$110.00. The bag will be stamped with the mint and the year. The third package is a bag of 2,000 coins from a specific mint and year and will sell for \$2,050.00.

Orders should be sent to the U.S. Mint, Box 500, Philadelphia, PA 19105. There is no limit to the number of coins that can be ordered. Delivery will take up to six weeks.

The nomination of Treasury Secretary James A. Baker III having been approved, he visited the Bureau of Engraving and Printing on February 6



Left to Right: Treasurer Katherine D. Ortega, Secretary James A. Baker, III, Director BEP Robert J. Leuver

to meet key Bureau executives and to observe the currency manufacturing process. During his visit, he provided specimen signatures and signed an enlargement of a Series 1985 \$1 bill.

Bureau Director Robert J. Leuver welcomed the Secretary to the Bureau and advised him that he could expect currency with his signature to begin to reach the public within three to four months.

First an expert engraver will etch the new signature into a master die, from which printing plates are made. Series 1985 currency, bearing the

signatures of Baker and Treasurer Katherine D. Ortega, will then begin to be printed within six to eight weeks. The first denomination to be printed will be \$5 bills. Other denominations, beginning with \$1 notes, will be phased in over the next six months as the existing stock of Series 1981A printing plates is depleted.

"During just your first year in office, your signature will appear on about 6.2 billion currency notes, with a face value in excess of \$67,000,000,000," Mr. Leuver told Secretary Baker. "This quantity is more than all of the 16 European countries together will produce during the same period of time."

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It has been reported that new paper money was introduced in Japan last November.

The notes are smaller than the ones in use at the present time.

It is reported that the Bank of Japan spent some \$247 million to print 3.6 billion new notes with a face value totaling \$91 billion, according to a spokesman for the bank.

The new bills, smaller than the old ones, are expected to save printing costs for the government and foil counterfeiters and in the lower left hand corners have raised marks to aid identification by the blind.

The National Police Agency said they sent samples to the International Criminal Police Organization to help foil counterfeiting, and that the color tones of the new notes cannot be reproduced by photocopiers.

There have been problems because the pictures on the notes have been changed, and because money changing and vending machines will have to be altered to accept the new smaller notes.

HAVE YOU SEEN THE NEW "MOST WANTED" POSTERS?

By Sara Pendragon

It would seem the latest version of the "Most Wanted" poster is not the ones we have been used to seeing in U.S. Post Offices for many years. You find them in the grocery stores (and even in some fast food shops), on milk cartons, grocery bags and fast food packages, and they are seeking word of missing children.

The use of this method is spreading across the country. The Safeway stores here are printing them on milk cartons.

An editorial in our local paper put it this way:

"It isn't often that a cause marshalls such widespread participation and ingenuity, but the incidents and statistics on missing and abused children — runaways, pawns in domestic turmoil, those spirited away for malevolent purpose — are piling up to create a truly frightening situation that many feel borders on a national crisis.

"No one knows if the publicity will help, but every child reunited with his or her family is a success story. And with the awareness stirred by each new round of publicity in connection with missing children — a television

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special, a national promotion, photographs on more packets — reunions with their families do occur, and more leads are developed.

"There's a logic in selecting items with heavy use among young people, and in families with children, for this picture project. Abducting adults and runaways often settle in a community far from home. A classmate, a playmate, a neighbor, a sales clerk or customer in places frequented by young people might recognize their pictures.

"So these new "most wanted" posters should be studied routinely by everyone, and especially by children and parents, teachers, and youth leaders who have frequent contact with children.

"The project ought to be used, too, to impress on young people how important being observant is for their own protection."

The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children estimates that

one and one half million children are reported missing from their homes each year. One million run away from home. As many as one half million are taken by a parent in a custody dispute. And up to fifty thousand are abducted by strangers.

When we remember that these young people are our "hostages to fortune", and read some of the things that happen to them at the hands of the people who take them away from their homes, and mistreat and even kill them after using them for pornographic purposes, let us do everything we can to stop this terrible traffic in our children. They can't protect themselves, it is up to us to do it for them. After all, our children are our tomorrow.

THE MEN BEHIND THE NOTES — Charles F. Barlosius

By Keith Littlefield

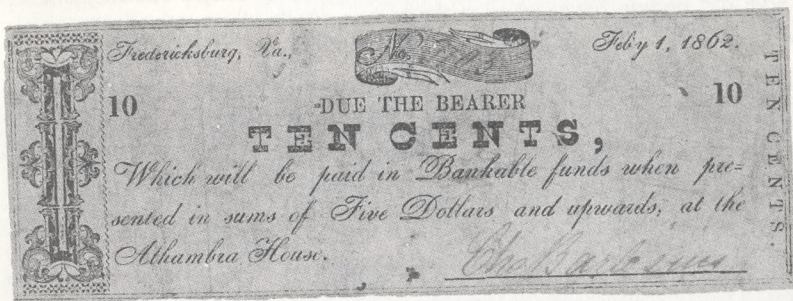
The history of Fredericksburg, Virginia, is rich in tradition but the most colorful era in the town's history is that of the Civil War period. Fredericksburg changed hands seven times during the conflict and four major battles were fought in or near the city. Since its initial settlement in 1671, and its official charter in 1727, the town has not experienced the level of prosperity and prominence that it had achieved prior to the 1860's. The strategic location on the fall line of the Rappahannock River, and the fact that geographically it was the midpoint between the Union and Confederate capitals, proved to be a curse. The seagoing trade began to falter with the development of railroads bypassing the area and the Civil War itself completed the irreparable damage to the local economy.

One individual and business which managed to survive the almost total destruction was Charles F. Barlosius and the Alhambra House Hotel. This privately owned business was located at 712 Main Street (now Caroline), but I have not been able to establish the exact dates of operation. The Alhambra House was first kept by a James Timberlake, who was succeeded by Samuel Stone and he by Charles Barlosius.

Charles Barlosius immigrated from Muhlausen, Germany, and entered the hotel business in 1852. He came from a family of ten, being one of seven brothers and having one sister. He married a Miss Mary C. Davis from Fredericksburg in 1852 and they had one adopted daughter, Miss Mamie Ball. Based on my records he was the only Barlosius to put down roots here in the United States. According to the Census of 1860 and his death notice in the Free Lance Star, I have surmised that he was born around 1830 so we can safely assume that he was about 32 years old when he signed the private scrip of the Alhambra House.

The scrip that Charles Barlosius issued consisted of three main design types and three different denominations are known to exist. All notes bear the printed date Feb'y 1, 1862, (a few specimens have Feb'ry), and his signature is written as Chs. Barlosius. The first basic type has a fancy border on the left end, the denomination printed out across the right end and the last line of text before the signature is "Alhambra House". The

only denomination I have observed has been the 10¢ note like the one pictured below.

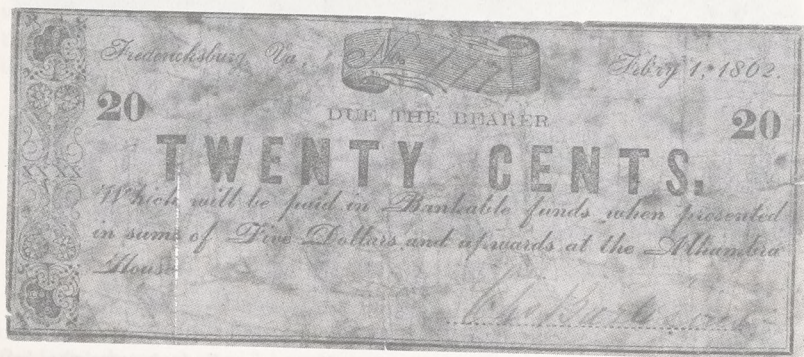


The second and most common variety has a scroll design on the left end, the denomination printed out across the right end and the last line of type before the signature is "bra House". This note was issued in two denominations, 10¢ and 15¢. If someone is fortunate enough to have an Alhambra House note in their collection chances are highly probable that it is a 10¢ note similar to the piece depicted below. I have only seen one 15¢ note of this style so the 10¢ is fairly common in comparison.

The third and last variety of the Charles Barlosius notes has an ornate



rosette design incorporating the small Roman numerals which reflect the value of the scrip. This decoration is on the left end and the last line of text before the signature is "House". Note that the denomination is **not** printed across the right end as in the two previous varieties. This particular note was printed in 10¢, 15¢ and 20¢ denominations and happens to be a personal favorite. I have seen several 10¢ers in this style but only one 15¢ and 20¢ variety have yet to surface.



Each of the major design types could have been printed in at least the three denominations (10¢, 15¢, 20¢) mentioned above but my research can only locate the two 15¢ notes and the one 20¢ note left in knowledgeable hands. The 10¢ scroll design note is the most prevalent and can still be found in good condition at a reasonable price. Some other denominations and varieties may exist and all notes I have seen have been well circulated.

Mr. Barlosius ran the hotel for a minimum of ten years (1852-1862) at which time he left Fredericksburg to visit the "Fatherland". He returned to Germany in 1885 so he evidently returned to Fredericksburg sometime between trips. On both occasions he was accompanied by his wife and we can only speculate that he left in 1862 to avoid the impending conflict. Although the dates of his 1862 trip aren't specific, on April 27, 1862 General McDowell's forces occupied the town for the first time. This Union garrison of the town was a little less than three months after the Alhambra House Scrip notes were issued. Mr. Barlosius returned at some future date and continued to run the Alhambra House until his death 10:30 Tuesday night November 9, 1897 at age 67. He had been sick for three years but only bedridden two months prior to his death. According to one source he was the proprietor of the Central Hotel when he passed away, which may, or may not, reflect a name change or transition of the Alhambra House by that time.

Of special interest to me was the fact that Charles Barlosius, by newspaper accounts, was horrified by the thought of being buried alive. So much in fact, that he requested that his remains be kept for three days before interment. His wishes were honored and on November 12, 1897 he was buried in the Masonic Cemetery of Lodge No. 4 (Incidentally this is the same Masonic Lodge that George Washington was a member of). His wife

passed away in 1914 and was buried in the Old Fredericksburg Cemetery, so ending the Barlosius rein in Fredericksburg.

After the death of Charles Barlosius the hotel was repaired and remodelled by Capt. Thomas P. Wallace and leased to John W. Allison Jr., who conducted it for some time as the Alsonia. Several years later it was purchased by a Mr. Michael Long who also conducted it until his death. By 1908 the once proud possession of Charles Barlosius had become a restaurant. Today crafts shops and office space still occupy the surviving structures which continue to maintain the quaint integrity of that bygone era.

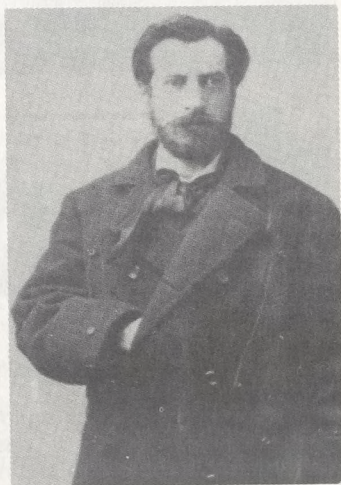
EDITOR'S NOTE: This article is the first of a series of articles on 'The Men Behind the Notes'. The author's purpose is to provide historical and background information on the persons and businesses responsible for issuing some of Virginia's Obsolete Currency.

THE MOST FAMOUS LADY IN THE NEW YORK AREA "Liberty Enlightening the World"

New York City is famous for its parties, but back on October 28, 1886, they really threw a big one for the new Lady in Town.

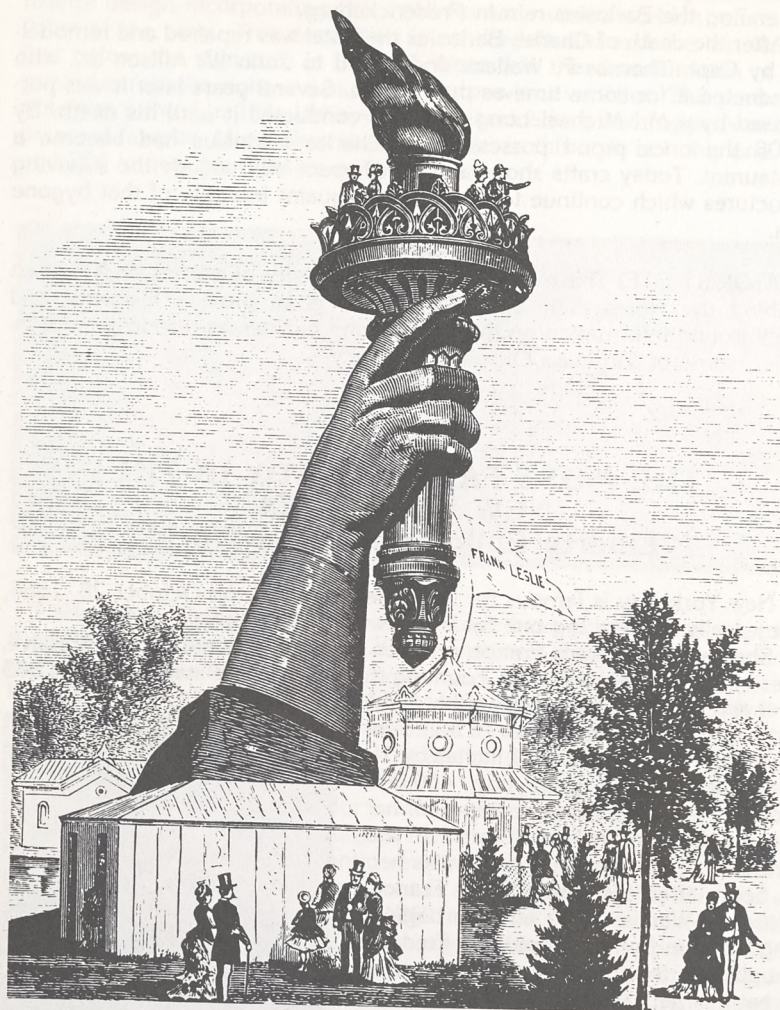
She came here from France, and her vital statistics are very impressive. Her height alone is 151 feet, counting the pedestal she stands on, it is 305 feet and 6 inches; the length of her right arm is 42 feet; of her hand 16 feet 5 inches; her head is 17 feet 3 inches by 10 feet; her weight is a tidy 450,000 pounds; 40 persons can stand in her head and 12 more in her torch. If you are ever in the area, you can't miss her.

Soon after the end of the Franco-Prussian War in 1871, and the beginning of the French Republic, Frederic August Bartholdi was commissioned to create a large statue to be a present from the French people to the American people. Congress authorized its location on Bedloe's Island, which had already been used for many purposes. The French people contributed \$450,000 for the statue and Americans gave \$350,000 for the pedestal. The corner stone of the pedestal was laid August 5, 1884, and the statue was unveiled October 28, 1886.



Frederic Auguste Bartholdi

The statue had not been completed by 1876, but the French sculptors finished the hand holding the torch and sent it on ahead in time to be on



display at the Centennial Exposition in Philadelphia. It quickly became a major attraction.

Designed by the French sculptor Frederic Auguste Bartholdi, who made the model from which it was fabricated, it had an iron framework engineered by the French engineer Gustave Eiffel (who also designed the tower named after him that was built later in Paris). It was covered with sheets of hammered copper. This was all taken apart, put in crates and shipped to New York, where it was erected on the prepared base on Bedloe's Island in the harbor.

The statue had originally been intended as a commemoration of Franco-American friendship and of the democratic revolutions of the two coun-

tries concerned, but it went beyond that. It made the Goddess not only a symbol of world liberty, but an emblem of America's destiny as a nation of immigrants, a nation whose motto, *e pluribus unum*, would take on new overtones as successive waves of newcomers were absorbed into American life.

The famous lady is in the news again, as a bill works its way through the Congress to require the striking of commemorative coins to be sold to help pay for the restorations needed to repair the ravages of time. It will take a lot more than face powder and lip stick to bring the old girl back to her youthful appearance.

The statue is now surrounded by scaffolding, while men are working to reinforce the armature, or supporting structure, that holds the copper sheets that make up the exterior of the statue. Many pieces will have to be replaced.

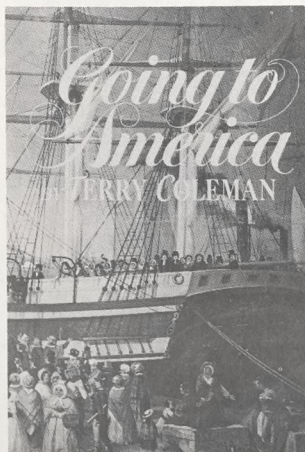
All of the copper sheets that cover the exterior will have to be cleaned, checked and repaired or replaced, as needed. Much care is needed to do all of this work and still maintain structural integrity. Additional bracing will be needed to strengthen the right shoulder, which supports the torch.

Bedloe's Island has been renamed "Liberty Island", and in honor of the centennial of the statue, a commission was formed to restore the statue and Ellis Island. A foundation headed by Lee Iacocca, president of Chrysler Motor Co., is raising money from private companies and the public.

The goal of \$230 million would pay for salaries involved in the project; the design and rehabilitation of the statue and Ellis Island; creation of a museum in the Great Hall of Ellis Island, and educational programs.

The federal government abandoned Ellis Island in 1954. It had been used as an immigration center from 1892 to 1952.

If you wish to aid in this historic project, in addition to buying the commemorative coins proposed for this year, donations should be sent to: "The Statue of Liberty-Ellis Island Foundation, Inc., P.O. Box Liberty, New York, New York 10117.



As an interesting sidelight, there are people who collect smaller replicas of the Statue of Liberty.

Liberty's sisters have been showing up ever since France gave us the Lady in 1886, after sculptor Frederic Auguste Bartholi depicted Miss Liberty as welcoming the world with the torch of liberty.

Edward R. Kallop, Jr., regional curator for the National Parks Service, is cataloging them for the Lady's 100th birthday in 1986. He is reported to have estimated that several hundred smaller copies have been produced, some possibly used in making the original statue, and may also still exist.

And according to a newspaper article last November, a New Jersey congressman announced that he had asked a court to

declare that the Statue of Liberty is in New Jersey instead of New York.

It seems that the suit centers not on state pride or sentimentality, but on who ought to collect the tax revenues from the major tourist attractions on Liberty Island, where the statue has stood for all these years, and Ellis Island, where millions of immigrants have entered the United States.

The federal government holds title to the islands, but New York reaps tax revenues from concession stand sales and the incomes of the workers there. According to the report, those bringing the suit say New York has been "unjustly enriched" by presuming the historic islands in the Hudson River harbor are within its jurisdiction.

Things may change in a hundred years, but politics goes on as usual.

NATIONAL COIN WEEK 1985

We want to thank all of the people and organizations who have worked hard to bring the fun and advantages of numismatics to people here in Virginia during National Coin Week In Virginia, April 21-27, 1985.

Talks, displays, gifts to libraries of books and other publications on our hobby have all helped to remind the general public how much fun there is and how much they can learn through numismatics.

LOOKING FOR A PLACE TO GO THIS SUMMER? How About ?? or ??

If you want to do some traveling this summer and have not yet made up your mind where to go, we can offer some suggestions.

There are to be two big numismatic association meetings held this summer. If you go to either one, be sure to have your reservations made and confirmed in advance.

The Canadian Numismatic Association will hold its 32nd Annual Convention in Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada, from the 17th to the 21st of July. The Regina Coin Club will also host a Symposium on "Aspects of the Numismatics of North America" on July 16th.

Canada is a beautiful country and is full of fine people. This would be a good time for a first trip, if you have never been to Canada, or to try it again if you have been there before.

You can drive your automobile, ride a train or fly in on an airplane, whichever way that suits your needs and fits the time you have for the trip. They have an excellent railroad system in Canada, if you want to try that way to go. If you drive, have your car checked, be sure you have your insurance policy, observe the traffic laws, and remember that they sell gasoline by Imperial gallons, not U.S. ones. And do not try to take any fire arms with you. They object to that up there.

You can get your money changed at a bank when you get across the border. As of this writing, there is an exchange rate in our favor.

There will be a good selection of numismatic material to check to see if you can find some of those things you have been looking for, and it will be an excellent opportunity to see what a range of Canadian and English material is available, too.

You will also be able to hunt for antiques, fine china and any number of things for you and your family to buy. But check on both the Canadian and U.S. Customs before you try to take things over the border, either way. Make it a safe trip and have fun.

If you are already tied up for July, or if you want to see more of our own country, then you can go to Baltimore, Maryland, for the ANA Convention to be held there August 20-25.

Baltimore is located on a harbor that has made history for more than two centuries. The downtown section has been made over in recent years. The Baltimore Convention Center Complex, focal point of the convention activities, is located in the downtown area, close to the hotels and restaurants and within sight of the Inner Harbor, the city's heart since Baltimore was founded in 1729. One of the world's most famous seaports, Baltimore is a city teeming with activity.

After the Convention, you can either take the trip to Bermuda that has been arranged for those attending the ANA meeting, or visit places in Maryland, Virginia, Delaware or Pennsylvania, depending on the time you have and where you have been before.

If you have not been able to make up your mind by now, take the easy way out — flip a coin! Just have fun, and drive carefully. Of course, there is an alternative — “go both places and have double the fun.”

U.S. COINS: ARE THEY THE NEXT FOREIGN IMPORT?

Unless the United States Mint changes its plans, America's coins may some day have to be labeled “Made in Taiwan”. That observation comes from Chairman Frank Annunzio (D-Ill.) of the House Consumer Affairs and Coinage Subcommittee, who was reacting to a Mint plan that would possibly allow foreign countries to provide a majority of the services for making United States coinage.

The proposal by the Mint drew a request from 21 of the 24 member Illinois Congressional delegation that the procurement solicitation be withdrawn. In a letter to the Secretary of the Treasury, James Baker, the delegation said, “Coins of the realm should not be produced outside the realm. Americans are proud of the symbols of our country, and our coinage is one of our proudest symbols. Please do not allow United States coins to be changed from symbols of our great country into imported trinkets.”

The Mint solicitation calls for suppliers to process coin metal into circular coin blank form. Once the Mint receives the blank the only remaining job would be to run the blanks through the coin presses.

According to sources in the metals industry, the contract, which would

supply over 24 million pounds of blanks annually, may well go to a foreign country.

In the past the Mint has procured metals through the bidding process, but with the exception of the one cent piece, the metals were provided in strip rather than the circular blank form.

It does seem to be a shame that there is a possibility that we would be buying metals from foreign countries when mines here are having to close down because of foreign competition and pricing.

WATCH OUT FOR TRAFFIC LAW CHANGES!

New laws or changes in the existing laws will become effective in July, after the closing of the Legislature and the signing of new bills by the Governor.

To keep up with the current laws and to find out your responsibilities in owning and operating a motor vehicle in the State of Virginia, a book similar to the one shown, or its replacement for the current year, will be of considerable assistance.



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These two books will give the reader an interesting look into the merchant bankers of Europe.

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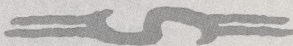
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The second one: **BANKER**, is a work of fiction by Dick Francis. Set in a banking house in England, it not only describes the ways in which a banking house operates, but gives an inside glimpse at what happens when the bank lends five million pounds to a horse breeder to buy a top notch race horse for breeding purposes, and is a first rate murder mystery to boot.

It combines banking, murder most foul, beautiful women and an exciting climax. How can you beat a combination like that?

BANKER



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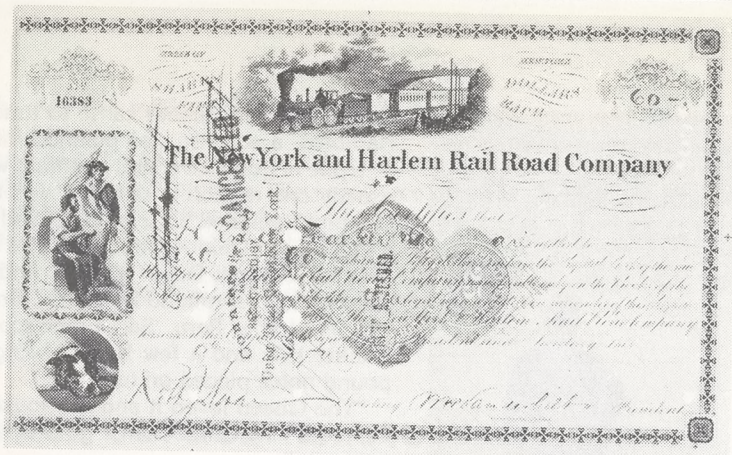
When Queen Elizabeth came to lunch at Hambros, a surprise was planned for her — a pile of gold, silver and platinum worth exactly one million pounds. "It was three feet high, weighed 5322 pounds, and consisted of 400-ounce and 32-ounce gold bars, sovereigns, Dutch guilders and Persian rials; silver minted in Peking, Broken Hill, Australia, Peru, San Francisco and Bunker Hill; and a few Bank of England pound notes placed on top."

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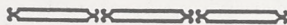
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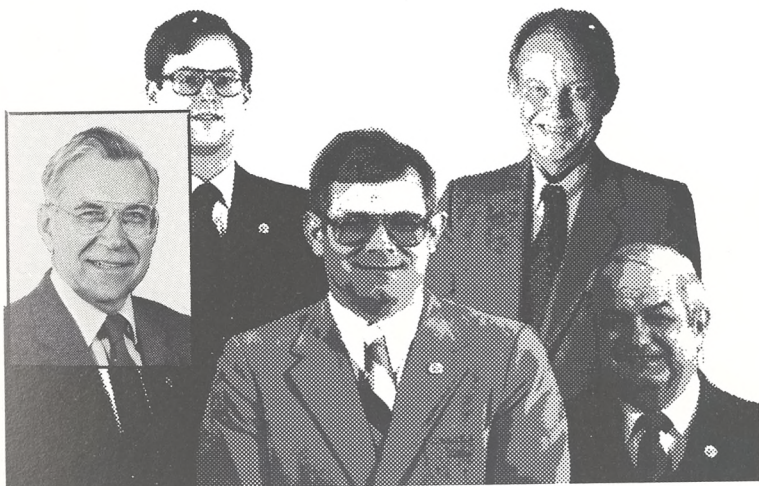
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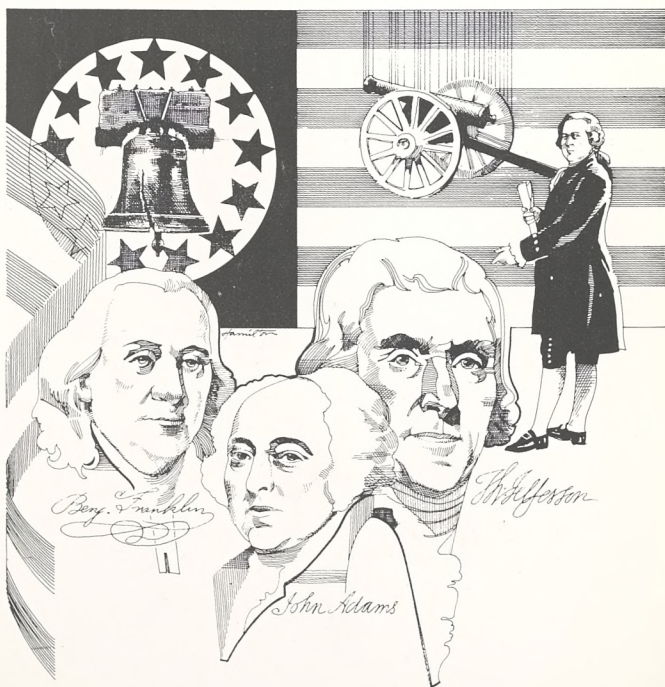
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PRESIDENT'S LETTER



We are presently finalizing all the arrangements for our 1985 Convention & Coin Show in Natural Bridge on the fourth weekend in September and I am pleased to announce that Elvira Clain Stefanelli from the Smithsonian will be our guest after-dinner speaker this year.

Our Bourse Chairman, Ray Haymaker, reports that dealer contracts are starting to come in and I am encouraged by the continued support of so many longtime sponsors. If you haven't had a chance to reserve your table space please do so as soon as possible in order to avoid the last minute rush. Natural Bridge has proven to be the largest draw of VNA collectors in the past and we are looking for another strong turnout at the door this year. Ads for the Convention Program are being taken also.

I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome the Boy Scouts to their National Jamboree at Camp A. P. Hill near Fredericksburg. From July 23-30 the ANA will be manning a Coin Collecting Merit Badge Booth and interested volunteers can contact George Cunaj at P.O. Box 6021, Long Island City, NY 11106 if you would like to help pass out information and answer general questions about numismatics.

I hope to see some of you in Baltimore at the ANA Convention in August.

Take care,
Keith Littlefield
President

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Richard E. Evans, Roanoke, VA

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DEATH OF A MEMBER

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ROANOKE VALLEY COIN CLUB

The Club in the star city has finalized their plans for the 22nd Annual Coin Show, scheduled for the Roanoke Civic Center on August 10th and 11th (be sure to note the change of date from July). All collectors will be made welcome.

TIDEWATER COIN CLUB

Members reported that there were plenty of nice items for sale at the Annual Coin and Stamp-A-Rama held at the Virginia Beach Convention Center in May.

VIRGINIA PENINSULA COIN CLUB

Featured at the meetings for the past several months were: a talk by Bob Wright entitled "Roman Coins", a talk by Norm Strock on "Siamese Coins" and an auction. All of these were well received.

At the June meeting, members congratulated Mr. and Mrs. Girard Chambers for celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary and the birthday of Mr. Chambers.

Members are making plans to attend the ANA Convention being held in Baltimore in August, and the VNA Convention at Natural Bridge in September.

ROCKINGHAM COIN CLUB

Members of the Rockingham Coin Club are making plans for their Coin Show to be held at the Holiday Inn, Route 11-S, at Harrisonburg, on September 21-22. All collectors are welcome.

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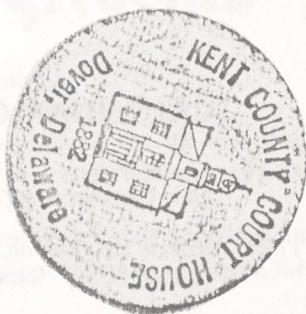
Members are making plans to attend the ANA Summer Show in Baltimore in August, as well as the other shows in the area.

KENT COIN CLUB

The Club over on the Eastern Shore has been busy with National Coin Week, Old Dover Days, and monthly meetings.

Plans are under way for the summer picnic, and a possible trip to visit the Philadelphia Mint some time this summer.

Many members will attend the ANA meeting at Baltimore in August. Past Kent Coin Club President Stephen R. Taylor is the candidate for the office of vice president of the organization. Good Luck, Steve!



A 1985 wooden nickel depicting the Kent County Court House in Dover, Delaware, is being issued in conjunction with its 14th Annual Coin Show to be held at the Sheraton-Inn on September 29th. The wooden nickel features a rendering of the court house erected in Dover in 1882 on the site of King George's Tavern. Previous issues feature the Allen House (1765), the Governor's Mansion (1790), the Christ Church (1734), the Dickenson Mansion (1740) and the State House (1792).

The newest issue may be obtained by sending 25 cents for each wooden nickel and a stamped, self addressed envelope to: Kent Coin Club, P.O. Box 894, Dover, DE 19903-0894. The Club has some issues still available from 1976 to the present (10 years). For a complete set (one of each year) send \$3.25, this includes postage and packaging.

RICHMOND COIN CLUB

Plans are being made by the Club in the Big City on the James for summer events and visits to some of the shows that will be held this summer.

FREDERICKSBURG COIN CLUB

New officers for the coming year are: President, Danny Fines; Vice-Pres., Ralph A. Hicks, Jr.; Recording Sec., Charlotte Tinney; Corresponding Sec., John Tinney and Treasurer, John Weinhardt.

Mr. Fines presented a program on Tokens and Early American Medals

which was enjoyed by the members.

Suggestions were made for ideas for the Club and for the Annual Coin Show.

The Turkey Money was won by Danney Fines after the names of three absent members were drawn.

SHENANDOAH VALLEY COIN CLUB

Regular meetings of the Club are being held in Fishersville every month.

Features of the meetings are programs, auctions and door prizes for the members.

Plans are under way for the summer months, as well as attending Coin Shows during these months.

Final plans are being made for the annual summer picnic, which will also include a fun auction. Don't miss the fun and fellowship! — And the food!

CALENDAR OF CLUB SHOWS

July 12-14	Sheraton Inn New Carrollton, MD	Metropolitan Washington Num. Assn.
July 17-21	Regina Inn, Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada	Canadian Numismatic Association
July 26-28	Mission Valley Inn Raleigh, N.C.	North Carolina Num. Assn.
Aug. 10-11	Roanoke Civic Center Roanoke, VA	Roanoke Valley Coin Club
Aug. 20-25	Convention Center Baltimore, MD	American Num. Assn. 94th Convention
Sept. 6-8	Sheraton Inn New Carrollton, MD	Maryland State Numismatic Assn.
Sept. 19-22	Hyatt House Cherry Hill, NJ	Great Eastern Numismatic Assn.
Sept. 20-22	Cook Convention Center Memphis, Tenn.	Tennessee State Numismatic Society
SEPT. 27-29	NATURAL BRIDGE HOTEL NATURAL BRIDGE, VA	VIRGINIA NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION
Sept. 29	Dover Sheraton Inn Dover, Delaware	Kent Coin Club
Oct. 17-20	Sheraton Inn New Carrollton, MD	Middle Atlantic Numismatic Association

Oct. 25-27	Holiday Inn, City Center Columbia, S.C.	South Carolina Num. Assn.
Nov. 14-17	Hyatt-Cherry Hill Complex Cherry Hill, N.J.	International Paper Money Convention, by SPMC
Dec. 13-15	Convention Center Charlotte, N.C.	Blue Ridge Num. Assn.

annies vignettes

by annie mckalvey

this time i have four items to bring to your attention . . .

the first one is a new stamp featuring a lady who was the wife of the second president of the united states and the mother of the sixth president of the united states.

her name is abigail smith adams, the wife of john adams, and mother of four children, one of whom was john quincy adams, who became the president of the united states also.

she was born in weymouth, mass., on november 23, 1744, the daughter of william smith, a congregational minister, and elizabeth quincy.

although she had delicate health, she became a noted letter writer and exercised much influence on the social and political life of her time during her husbands long career in public service.




she is shown in profile on the stamp, with a copy of her signature at the top. the colors used are yellow, magenta, cyan and black.

as someone said, never underestimate the power of a woman . . .

the other three items were sent to don by mr. walter l. mason, jr., for me to use in this column. he and his wife were always very nice to me and my

little brother when we were able to get to the vna conventions, and we enjoyed them very much. they both have a sense of humor, which we appreciate.

Aylette A. Swindler,
Commissioner of the Revenue
FOR RAPPAHANNOCK COUNTY, VA.

Sperryville, 187

the first one is the top of a letterhead or bill from a gentleman named aylette a. swindler, who was the commissioner of the revenue for rap-pahannock county, virginia, located in sperryville, in the 1870's.

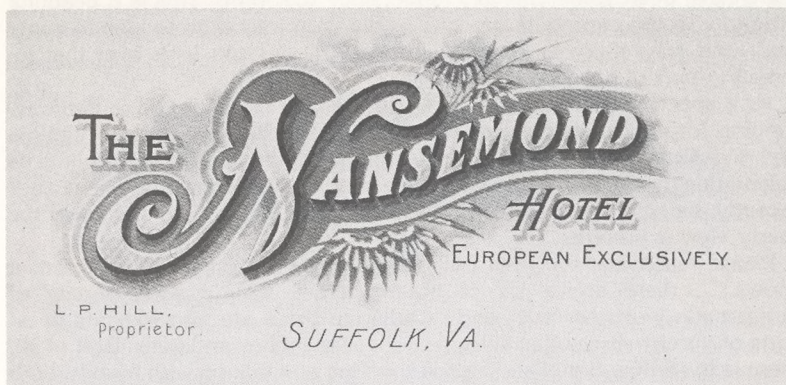
he must have been a pretty capable man, to be able to overcome the handicap of a name like that. i wonder if he could have been one of the ancestors of the john d. swindler that writes for us sometimes . . .

OFFICE OF
D. M. CHICHESTER,
ATTORNEY AT LAW.
FAIRFAX C. H., VIRGINIA.
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the second one is also the top of a bill or letterhead, from an attorney at law named d. m. chichester, located in fairfax court house, also in the 1870's. i wonder if he and mr. swindler ever did any business with each other . . .

the last one is an envelope from the nansemond hotel, european exclusively, in suffolk, virginia, l. p. hill, proprietor. it has yellowed with age, but has no date on it.

several things came to mind when i looked at it. did the european ex-



clusively mean that he operated on the european plan, as opposed to the american plan, or did he prefer to cater folks from europe, rather than those of us from this country . . .

also, where it says l. p. hill, proprietor, does it mean that mister hill was the owner or the manager of the hotel . . .

i looked up the word proprietor in my desk dictionary, and it says — one who has the legal right or exclusive title to anything; an owner; also, in a wider sense, a person having an interest less than ownership in property; as, the proprietor of the village inn.

whichever one it was, i hope that mr. hill had a nice place there and did a good business while he was the proprietor . . .

have a happy and safe fourth of july.

hope you like my vignettes
annie mck

AN INVITATION TO NATURAL BRIDGE FOR OUR 27th ANNUAL CONVENTION

On behalf of the members, officers and directors of the Virginia Numismatic Association, we extend a hearty invitation to all numismatists and their families and friends to come to our 27th Annual Convention and Show, the fourth weekend in September, the 27th through the 29th. Please remember that this is one week later than our usual meeting date.

1985 VNA Convention Line-Up

This year the climax of our numismatic activities in Virginia will be the 27th Annual Convention of the Virginia Numismatic Association, to be held at the Natural Bridge Hotel, at Natural Bridge, in the western part of our state.

Our last Convention at Natural Bridge was held some years ago, and

there have been some changes made since that time. This is a beautiful time to visit the mountain area of Virginia. You may want to plan to come early and stay after our meeting is over, so you can look over that interesting part of our state in the fall.

As a special added attraction, remember that the Blue Ridge Parkway, running for 469 miles between the Shenandoah National Park in Virginia and the Great Smoky Mountains National Park in North Carolina, is celebrating its 50th birthday this summer. If you have not been on it recently, be sure to take this opportunity to ride on it again and enjoy the lovely view it presents.

Please remember too, that our meetings are not only fine commercial shows . . . there are a lot of bourse tables with a wide variety of numismatic items for sale, and in addition there are also exhibits of all sorts of numismatic collectables, as well as meetings and talks. Best of all, there is the fellowship of seeing and meeting and talking with friends, both old and new. Do yourself a favor . . . come have fun and enjoy yourself at the Convention.

Exhibits

Be sure to get in touch with Exhibit Chairman James M. Beard, 317 Miller Street, Lexington, Virginia 24450, to reserve space for your exhibits. This is a once a year opportunity to share with the rest of us your items of special interest, and to tell us some of the unusual things we should know about them. After all, sharing our collection with others is half the fun of collecting! Please remember to bring your own display cases.

Awards will be presented for the winners of the various types of exhibits at the annual banquet. Non-competitive exhibits will also be shown by collectors, as long as space permits. Have fun . . . try your best to come up with an award-winning exhibit for our Annual Convention in 1985, and be sure to enjoy and participate in this most important part of the meeting.

There will be no insurance carried on either bourse materials or on exhibits, but guard service will be maintained 24 hours a day for the duration of the show in these two areas.

Bourse

Admission to the Bourse is free and all are invited. Chairman Ray Haymaker tells us that the tables are selling well, and that a wide range of numismatic items will be there to whet the appetites of all collectors. New collectors are welcome to look at the materials for sale and talk to and buy from the dealers. If you are an experienced collector, try to add to the items you already have, and also try to find new collecting interests. Young collectors are made welcome, too. For information about the tables, write: Ray G. Haymaker, RFD 1, Box 284, Clifton Forge, Virginia 24422.

There will be no insurance carried on either bourse materials or on exhibits, but guard service will be maintained 24 hours a day for the duration of the show in these two areas.

Annual Banquet

One of the most enjoyable parts of the Convention is the Banquet, held on Saturday night after the social hour. Following the excellent dinner will

be the installation of officers for the next year, presentation of awards and exhibit plaques, and our featured dinner speaker. Please remember to secure your dinner tickets when you register at the desk for the Convention.

Annual Business Meeting

In accordance with past practice, the annual business meeting of the Virginia Numismatic Association will be held at the Natural Bridge Hotel on Saturday, September 28, 1985. The time and place of the meeting will be announced.

Convention Program

The Virginia Numismatic Association does not charge any admission fee to the Annual Convention, but space is available in the Convention Program for advertisements by members, dealers, clubs and friends, to help to partially offset the cost of presenting the show. In addition to the regular ads, for the sum of \$2.00 you can be listed in the Program as a Patron.

"Rag-Pickers" Get-Together

And remember — for the last but by no means least of the Saturday night activities, reserve a place on your schedule for the evening following the banquet, when the "rag-pickers" will assemble for their annual get-together. Only once a year do you have an opportunity to attend a meeting like this!

Items for Sale

Next to the registration desk will be a table displaying the VNA membership pins; Dave Schenkman's book on "Virginia Tokens"; Volume II of Charles Affleck's book on "The Obsolete Paper Money of Virginia"; several publications by Douglas Ball and Dave Schenkman, as well as other articles. These will not only make an excellent addition to your own library, but will make fine gifts for friends or to your local library.

Hotel Accomodations

Please remember to arrange well in advance for your rooms at the Natural Bridge Hotel, to be sure to get the accomodations that you want. You will be sent a reservation form early in August. Send it in early, and say that it is for the VNA Convention, September 27th through the 29th.

You all come! and have fun! we'll be looking for you!

Club Representative Breakfast

All member clubs are asked to appoint a Club Representative to attend the Annual Club Breakfast on Sunday morning. Here they will have an opportunity to meet and talk together with members of other clubs. This is the time to exchange views, tell about your successes and your problems, and meet with folks in clubs from all over the state. Be sure to buy your breakfast tickets at the desk when you register for the Convention.

Election of Officers for 1986-87

The By-Laws of the Virginia Numismatic Association state that an Elec-

tion Committee appointed by the President shall present a slate of officers and Directors for each expiring office, not later than July 15th of each year. Additional nominations for any open office may be accepted from any member in good standing. Names of all nominees shall be published during the month of August and voted on by mail or at the Annual Convention in September, by ballot.

The nominating committee presents the following slate of officers:

President - James C. Ruehrmund
1st Vice-Pres. - Virginia Aldridge
2nd Vice-Pres. - George Tucker
Sgt-at-Arms - George K. Morehead
Board of Directors - Page Mann
Donald Roberts
Gerald A. Schmidt

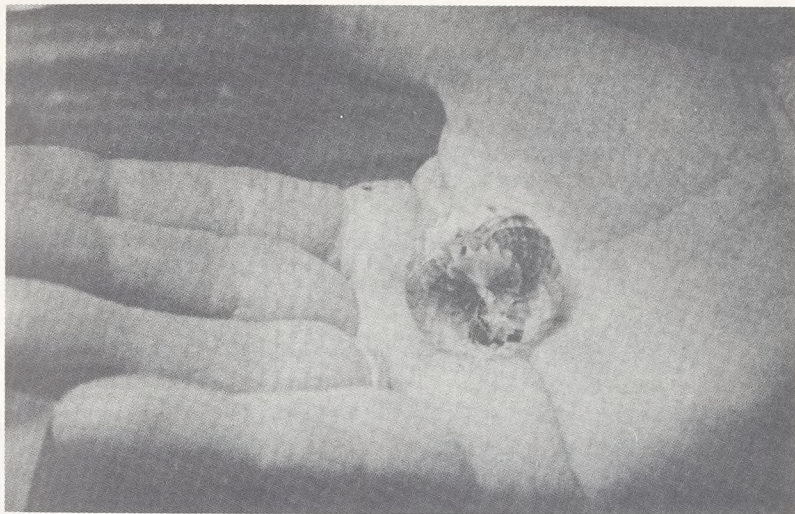
Any additional nominations should be sent to the Secretary-Treasurer, Malvern L. Powell, Jr., P.O. Box 353, Hampton, VA 23669.

PROFILES: 'Rockhounds' collect, polish and facet their gems

By Betsy Powell



Charles Stevick cradles some petrified wood and quartz crystals and Cecil Stevick shows off her gemstone necklaces.



"Everyone tells the same story of getting started," says Dave Richwine. "They were just always fascinated by rocks and geology."

This year's president of the Gem and Mineral Society of the Virginia Peninsula, Richwine traces his own interest in gems and minerals to a childhood experience in Arizona. Living in a rented adobe house, he climbed up under the latticework on the porch to discover samples that an old mining engineer had thrown there. He still has a box of those same samples, but his interest has grown and branched out into other related areas.

A non-profit, educational organization, the Peninsula Gem and Mineral Society held its first meeting in 1954. There are currently 80 members of the club, all of whom are dabbling in this strictly as hobbyists. Stressing its non-profit nature, Richwine explains that the organization was not designed for professionals.

The club's objectives include promoting knowledge of the subject, providing opportunities for members to collect, exchange, purchase and exhibit examples, and teaching the skills involved in lapidary arts.

Meeting once a month at the Peninsula Nature and Science Center, the club's programs include films, slides, exhibits and demonstrations on mineralogy and lapidary arts. There are also approximately four field trips a year to nearby mines and fossil pits.

According to Charles and Cecil Stevick, many members like to travel because it fits in with their collecting, and wherever they go, there is usually the option of hunting around for material or buying it in the rock shops. Taking their own trips in addition to club trips, last year the Stevicks drove to California, stopping at various mines along the way. They returned with samples from the Petrified Forest in Arizona, jasper from New Mexico and buckets of quartz crystals from Arkansas.

In September, they participated, along with Richwine, in a workshop sponsored by the Eastern Federation of Mineralogical and Lapidary

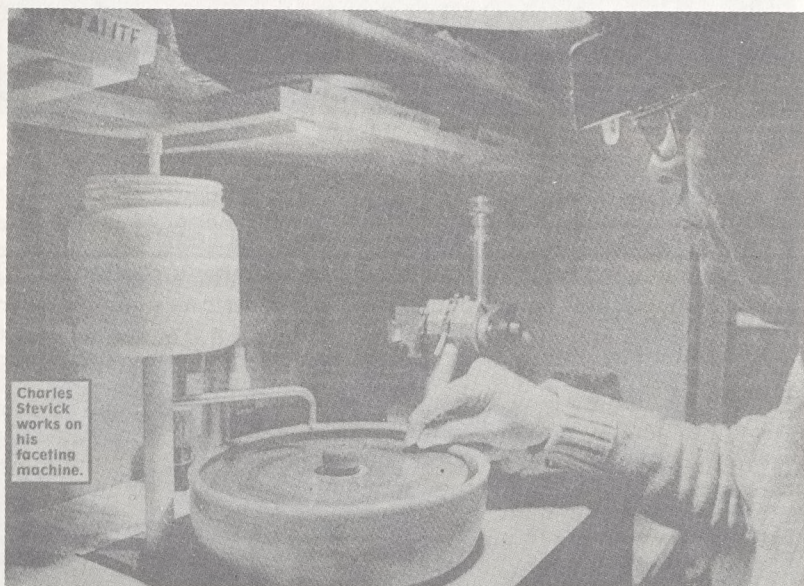
Societies at Wild Acres, N.C. This year they are planning a trip to Alaska, where jade can be found.

Now the editor of the club's monthly newsletter, Mrs. Stevick first became involved in the club four years ago after developing an interest while her son was a member of the Junior Club. A couple of years ago, she talked her husband into going to a club gathering.

"She dragged me along to the first one," Stevick laughs. "After that, I went voluntarily."

Like Richwine, they now have their own workshop. Formerly an apartment, their workshop is large enough to accommodate both sets of interests. He has become intrigued by the faceting of gemstones and she has just recently started working with beads.

Describing his fascination for faceting, Stevick compares it to painting a picture: "You start out with a blank canvas and as you work, you start to



Charles Stevick works on his faceting machine.

see something pretty; then you can't wait to see the finished product."

In his experience with faceting, Richwine has identified stages of commitment to it. The first step is buying a tumbler to polish up rocks. This is followed by a machine which cuts cabochons or dome-shaped rocks, which is soon replaced by a fancier machine for cabachons.

Finally there is the graduation to the diamond saw for faceting, with its elaborate array of lops, dopsticks and polishing materials. The cut makes a great difference in the value, and each gemstone requires hours of patience and perfect alignment, with the understanding that "one sneeze can ruin your latest project."

Since, as Richwine admits, this can be an expensive hobby, the

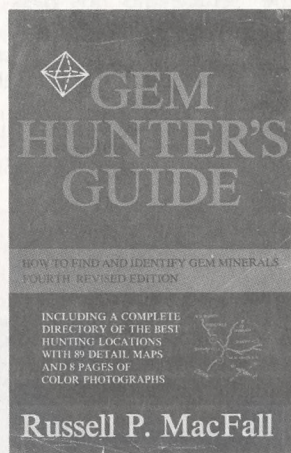
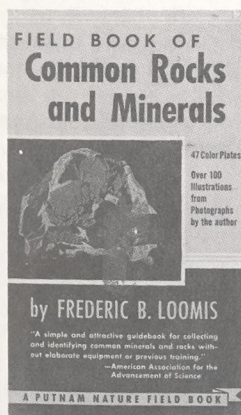
members try to help each other out by holding workshops for those who don't own their own equipment.

Faceting is only one area of interest represented by the club, however. Some members simply like the aspect of collecting, and don't necessarily want to do anything with the material they collect. Besides rocks and minerals, there is also an interest in fossils and arrowheads. Then there are members who work more with wire-craft jewelry and beads, such as Mrs. Stevick.

"Some do it all, but most specialize in one thing," says Richwine. He would like to be able to have a hand in all of it, like the Stevicks who, pointing out a gem tree she made, say that wire wrapping is "on the list" of interests they want to pursue. They refer to themselves as "rockhounds."

Right now the Stevicks are working on items for the annual Spring Gem Show April 13-14 at the Peninsula Nature and Science Center. Among the attractions of the show are demonstrations on how to cut and facet gemstones and make wire-craft jewelry, educational exhibits of gems and minerals, a new exhibit of faceted gemstones, a silent auction, a hand-crafted jewelry sale, and a sandbox where kids can dig for "treasure."

Mrs. Stevick is getting her jewelry ready for sale while her husband is trying to put the finishing touches on a 176-facet quartz crystal that he hopes to display, just two representatives in what Mrs. Stevick calls a "many faceted show."



EDITOR'S NOTE: Betsy Powell is the daughter of Malvern and Emily Powell of Newport News (Mal is the Secretary-Treasurer of VNA).

Betsy graduated from the College of William and Mary in June. She has worked part time for the Newport News Daily Press, Inc., for some time, and enjoys it very much.

We think that Betsy did a good job with this, and we appreciate her help to VNA by sharing it with us.

We appreciate the permission from Mr. Joe West of the Daily Press, Inc., to reprint the article.

STATUE OF LIBERTY COMMEMORATIVE COIN ON WAY TO WHITE HOUSE

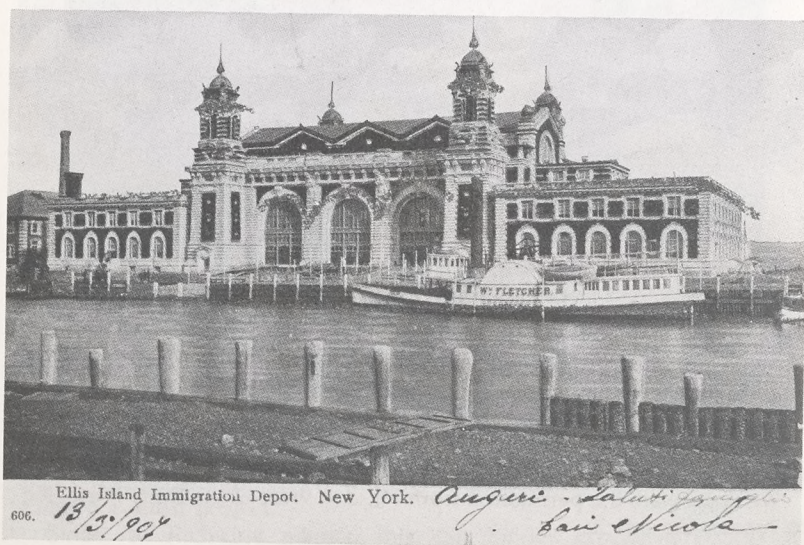
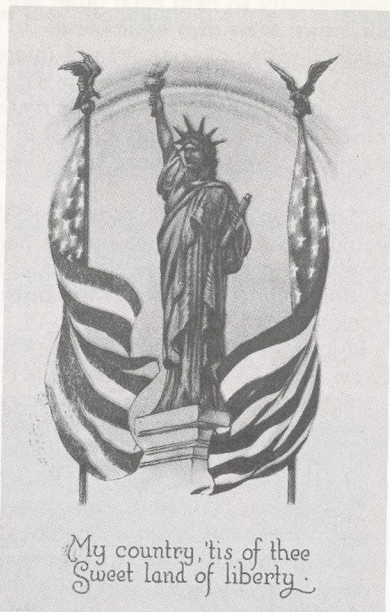
Legislation authorizing the minting and sale of coins in commemoration of the centennial of the Statue of Liberty was approved Monday, June 24 by the House of Representatives and sent to the President for his signature.

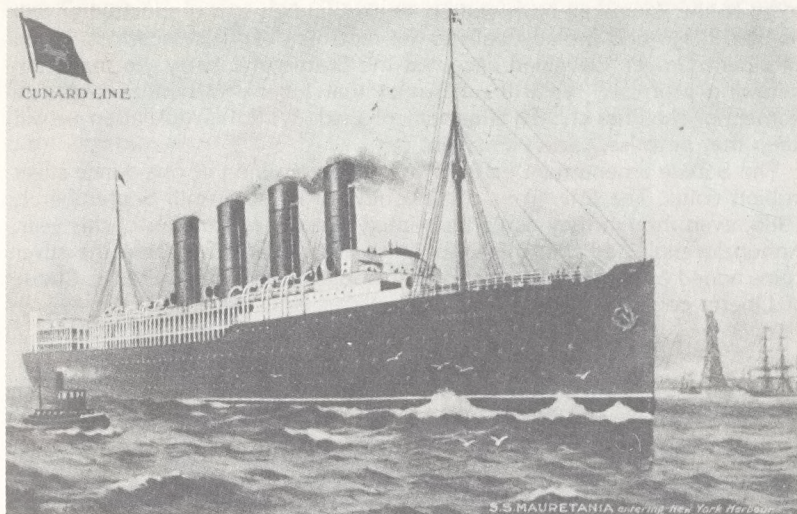
The legislation, sponsored by Congressman Frank Annunzio (D-Ill.), Chairman of the House Consumer Affairs and Coinage Subcommittee, was passed unanimously by the House after agreement to accept an amendment tacked onto the bill by the Senate.

The Annunzio bill originally passed the House in march of this year, but the Senate did not pass the legislation until Friday, June 21.

The sale of the gold, silver and copper-nickel coins could raise up to \$137.5 million to help pay for the restoration of the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island.

"The Statue of Liberty symbolizes the promise of America," said Annunzio. "It holds the promise of a new life: to the oppressed, freedom; to the





tired, comfort; to the homeless, shelter. America's wealth is its rich ethnic diversity. America is composed of many small communities, each distinguished from the other by language, religion and nationality. Despite the great diversity, there are common values: a love of freedom, a sense of justice, and a passionate regard for liberty. The Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island symbolize these virtues."

Both the Statute of Liberty and the immigration facilities on Ellis Island are in dire need of repair. The Statue of Liberty-Ellis Island Foundation has planned to spend \$230 million for the restoration of these two symbols of America.

Sale of the coins could raise up to \$137.5 million. Three different coins are authorized by the bill. Up to one half million gold coins containing a quarter ounce of gold; ten million traditional silver dollars containing over three-quarter ounces of silver; and up to 25 million copper-nickel half dollars can be minted.

The gold coins would commemorate the centennial of the Statue of Liberty in 1986. The silver dollars would be emblematic of the use of Ellis Island as a gateway for immigrants to America. The half dollar would honor the contributions of immigrants to America.

At current market prices, the gold coins should cost purchasers under \$150; the silver coins about \$20; and the half dollars about \$6. These prices include a surcharge of \$35 on each gold coin; \$7 on each silver coin; and \$2 on each half dollar; with the funds going to restoration on renovation of the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island, and to establish an endowment to assure the continued upkeep and maintenance of these historic monuments.

The coins would be sold directly to the public by the United States Mint and would also be available through Federally-insured banks, savings and loans and credit unions that wished to carry them for sale.

"The Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island will stand for generations as testa-

ment to the American immigration story. Children and grandchildren will be able to go and literally walk in the footsteps of their ancestors. When President Grover Cleveland accepted the Statue of Liberty, he made the following promise: 'We will not forget that Liberty has here made her home; nor shall her chosen altar be neglected.' With this legislation we will keep that promise," said Annunzio.

The Senate amendment calls for the annual striking of one-ounce silver bullion coins. The first silver coins could not be sold until September 1, 1986, even though they could be minted as early as October of this year. Annunzio explained that the time delay was necessary so that the silver coins added by the Senate amendment would not compete with the Statue of Liberty coins.

NEW FINDS

By Page Mann

I have been asked by Keith Littlefield and Don Roberts to do some articles for The Virginia Numismatist on "NEW FINDS" in Virginia Tokens. Now, first, I cannot do this without help from my fellow Virginia token collectors. So, those of you who actively collect Virginia tokens and would like to share the "NEW FINDS" in your collection with other collectors, please send me a list of what you have. My address is: P.O. Box 1684, Williamsburg, Va. 23187-1684. All letters answered and all correspondence will be kept confidential.

For those who are not sure what to send, I need the following: A rubbing of both sides on a sheet of paper. You do this by placing the token on a hard surface, cover it with a piece of tracing paper big enough so you can hold it in place, take a sharp pencil and hold it with the side of the lead touching the paper over the token, and rub the paper over the token with it. It will take some practice to learn the best way to do this. The best pencil is one with colored wax lead. Along with this, print clearly the wording on both sides. Example of this is:

GEORGE W. SISSON / MERCHANT / DUNBROOKE, VA.
Good For / 50¢ / In / Merchandise
Brass, 32mm

The slash (/) indicates that George W. Sisson is one complete line, Merchant is another complete line and Dunbrooke, Va. is another. The same goes for the reverse.

Also, send the metal content: aluminum, brass, bronze, white metal, silver, etc. The size in millimeters is important. Sometimes one or two mm's is the only difference between two tokens for the same company. State if the token has a reeded edge, like U.S. quarters.

Send one or as many as you like, but please, I am going to need your help on this project.

For those who actively collect Virginia tokens, you won't find a token

from George W. Sisson. Mr. Sisson was a merchant at Dunbrooke (Essex Co.) but never used tokens. Mrs. Sisson was my third grade teacher.

Quinque, Viet Name?

No — Quinque, Virginia. A fellow collector from North Carolina has come across a nice "NEW FIND" in Virginia tokens.



R. N. STEPHENS, / MERCHANT, / QUINQUE, VA.

25 (rays)

Brass, 29mm, Round

Quinque is (or was) in Greene County. In a 1940 dun and Bradstreet Quinque has a population of 18, and only two merchants. One was R. N. Stephens, and the other a T. W. Lamb who ran a filling station.

Although in Green County, the closest bank was in Charlottesville, in Albemarle County.

In another Dun and Bradstreet, dated 1952, Quinque had only three merchants, but not the two previously listed.

I came across a Virginia map dated 1883, and could not find Quinque. If anyone knows where the town was located, please let me know! Thanks.

BANKS AND BANKING PRACTICE IN THE DAYS OF YORE

By Walter L. Mason, Jr.

On the above stated subject I know practically nothing — so I guess the following statements will have to be observations.

It started the other day when we received a statement from our bank. It was the usual thing — balance left in the bank. This has been going on for a number of years (34 to be exact) with this bank in Maryland. It has been so routine that a fellow just doesn't think about it — unless there was an error or in this case an additional enclosed card showing the cost of various transactions. Some of these costs seemed like a threat — mainly

because so far I haven't broken any of the rules — still it makes me a little edgy. For instance, if your balance falls below a certain figure — the banks charges \$5.00 per month plus two bits a check. If you keep a \$300.00 savings account in addition to the regular checking account then there is no charge. Who do they think we are, one of the Rockafellows? If you bounce a check (called insufficient funds) — and bang — they charge you \$20.00. Never have done that — wonder why my bank all of a sudden wants to get tough with me? There was a lot of other things they wanted to charge for if a fellow did wrong — the whole thing upset me terrible. So I threw the bank statement away and went into my room to clean out my desk. That's when I found out how banks used to be . . . !

I noticed in picture 1 the deposit slip of J. D. Crowle, Jr., on the Planters Bank, Inc., in Staunton, Virginia, dated January 1st, 1912 (you sure don't find any bank around here staying open on New Year's Day now!) Mr. Crowle's deposit totaled \$235.00, a goodly sum back then and not a bad sum today if it's in President Reagan's money. Although Mr. Crowle could have deposited in bank notes, gold, silver or checks, he must have been a little short, because most of the deposit was made up of coupons: eight of the coupons from Shenandoah School for \$120.00, coupons of \$60.00 from the Methodist's and \$15.00 from the Baptist's. It's interesting to me, being a Baptist, to see that he got more money from the other groups than us — not that we're stingy or ignorant — we're just more cautious on investing our money!

Almost two years later Mr. Crowle received a notice from The Planters Bank Inc., of Staunton, Va., picture 2, dated August 28, 1914. They mentioned in a nice tone that his account was overdrawn by \$2.50. What pretty language they used! "We therefore request . . ." That sure is a big different to the letter from my bank the other day that there would be a \$20.00 penalty for an overdraft! I noticed too how nice the message to Mr. Crowle ends: "Please give this your im-

DEPOSITED IN
The Planters Bank, Inc.,
To The Credit of

J. D. Crowle Jr.

Staunton, Va., *Jan 1st* 191*2*

LIST EACH CHECK SEPARATELY

	Dollars.	Cents.
Bank Notes.		
Gold.		
Silver		
Checks as follows:-		
<i>8 coupons Shenandoah School</i>	<i>120</i>	<i>00</i>
<i>2 coupons Methodist</i>	<i>60</i>	<i>00</i>
<i>1 coupon Baptist</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>00</i>
<i>Hand Cash</i>	<i>40</i>	<i>00</i>
	<i>235</i>	<i>00</i>

Picture 1

The Planters Bank Inc., of Staunton, Va.

Staunton, Va., *Aug 28 1914*
Mr. *J. D. Crowle*

Your account is overdrawn, \$ *2.50*.

We therefore request, that you examine your pass book and advise us, if you think we are wrong.

If you find that we are correct, please deposit funds to cover, as it is contrary to the policy of this bank, to carry overdrafts.

Please give this your immediate attention.

Respectfully,

JOS. S. COCHRAN, Actg. Cashier.

Picture 2

DEPOSITED IN
The Planters Bank, Inc.,
To The Credit of
J. D. Crowle,

Staunton, Va., *August 29th, 1914.*

LIST EACH CHECK SEPARATELY

	Dollars.	Cents.
Bank Notes.	2	00
Gold.		
Silver		50
Checks as follows:-	\$ 2	50

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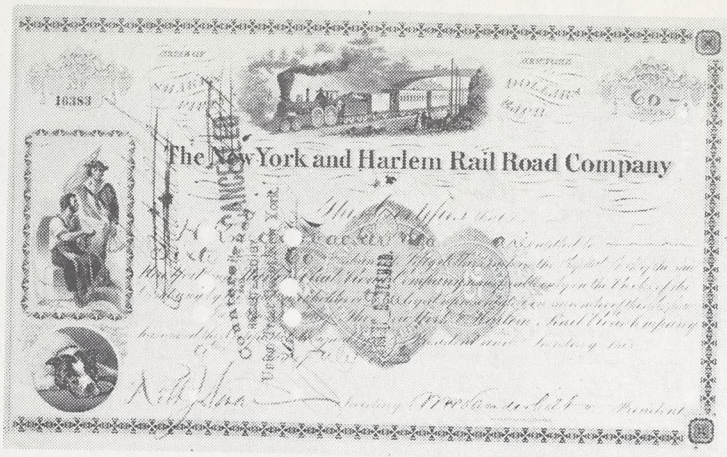
Picture 3

mediate attention." Oh, what a pleasure it must have been to do business with such an establishment! And the fellow who sent it out said: "Respectfully", and he was only the Acting Cashier.

In Figure 3, dated the very next day, August 29, 1914, Mr. Crowle made the necessary deposit: \$2.00 in bank notes and 50¢ in silver. Mr. Crowle was in such a hurry to help the bank out that he forgot to take his deposit book along, but the nice cashier stamped the deposit receipt so that he could drop by later and they would enter it in his book.

To me these three items show how man can live with his neighbor — they can do business together in a civilized manner . . . no threats or harsh talk . . . it probably ended with the Cashier saying: "Thank you very much, Mr. Crowle, we at Planters Bank, Inc., appreciate your business."

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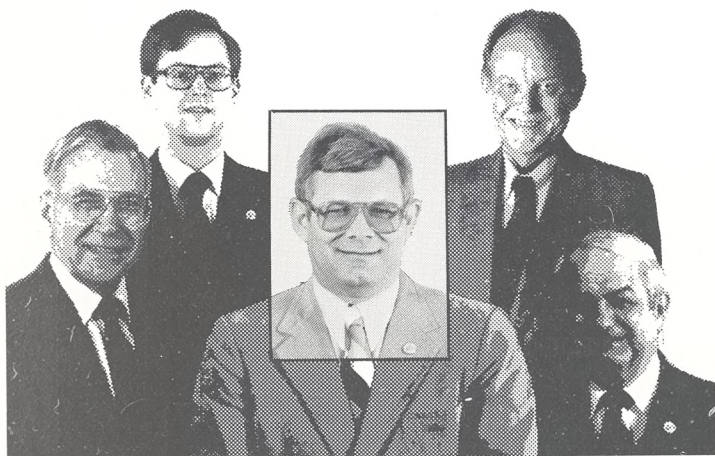
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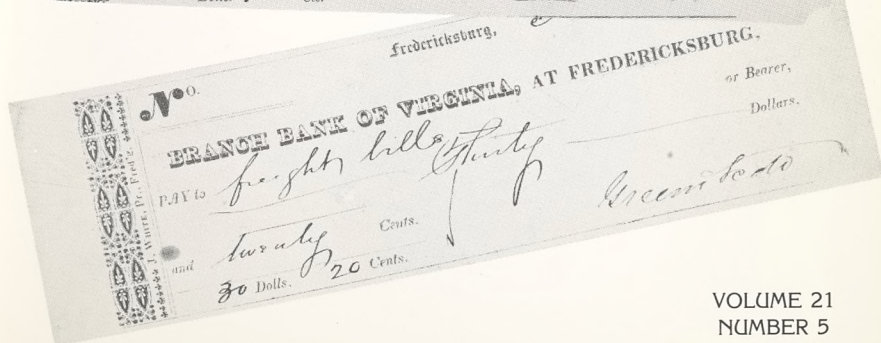
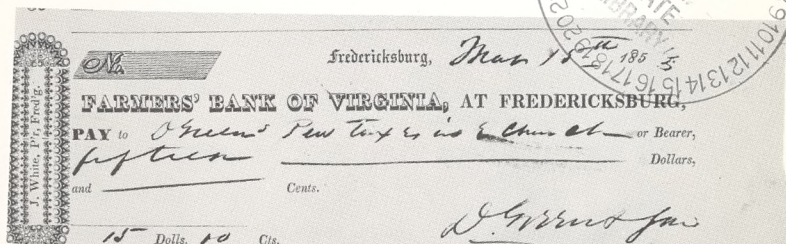
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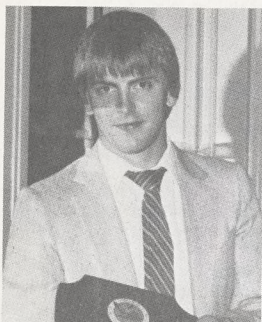
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PRESIDENT'S LETTER



Natural Bridge takes on a special significance to me, in the aspect that it marks the end of my two year term as President of this fine organization. Needless to say it has been quite a learning experience and I consider myself fortunate to have had so much honest criticism and support. Although relatively new to the VNA when compared to most members, two vital conclusions can be drawn from my firsthand involvement: 1) Coin Clubs at the local levels need to be revitalized and we as numismatists need to get the younger folks genuinely interested in our hobby, and 2) New and renewed member-

ships in the VNA must be solicited and encouraged to insure our future prosperity and continued success.

The key ingredient is "ACTIVE PARTICIPATION!" Since the VNA was started in 1959 the so-called 'old guard' has been providing the incentive, inspiration and experience in perpetuating club activities. The VNA is in a transitional phase, as is the hobby itself. Whether for personal, health, or job related commitments, many familiar and valuable members have justifiably started to shed some of their time worn responsibilities. They have served us well and will continue to lend their advice and time when required, but the opportunity for individual action — your involvement — presents itself. You don't need an invitation to contribute to our common goal, you only need to be a member and become involved as so many in the past have. When I think of the VNA I think of Charlie Affleck (whom I never was privileged to meet although I feel like I know him a little), Jimmy Johnson, Howard Spain, Richard Jones, Frank Hannah, Walt Mason, Paul Garland, Don Roberts, Doug Ball, George Moorehead, Ralph Hicks, Jim Beard, Ray Haymaker, Jerry Schmidt, Elvin Miller, Mal Powell, and Steve Taylor, just to name a few. All good men who have given some of the best years of their life to numismatics and the VNA — not because they had to but because they wanted to. I consider all treasured friends and these memories only cost me the price of my annual dues and the foresight to get involved. I challenge each of you to give a fraction of the effort each of them had demonstrated and given year after year without reservation. Your reward is only satisfaction and knowing you made a contribution . . . being a member is the positive first step.

Take care,
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WANTED - For personal collection - A fifty cent (50¢) Page County Note, dated Oct. 1, 1861.

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NEWS OF OUR CLUBS

Many of the Club members have been attending local club meetings, local club shows, state club shows, regional club shows and the American Numismatic Association show in Baltimore this summer, as well as making plans to attend the VNA Convention in Natural Bridge.

Please remember that the VNA Convention and Show will be on the 4th week end this September, September 27 to 29.

Our congratulations to VNA Board Member Stephen R. Taylor, of Dover, Delaware, on being elected to the position of Vice President of the American Numismatic Association at their Convention in Baltimore this summer. Good Luck, Steve!

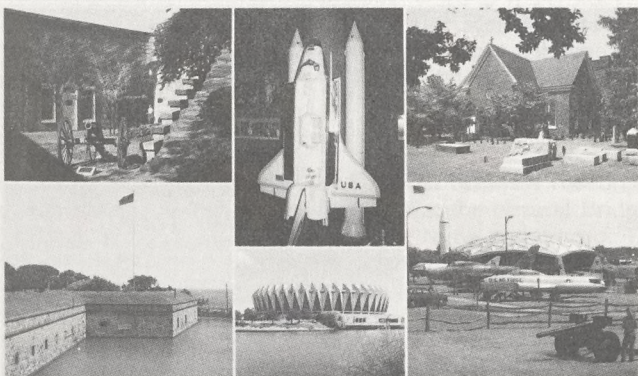
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Sept. 20-22	Cook Convention Center Memphis, Tenn.	Tennessee State Numismatic Society
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Oct. 25-27	Holiday Inn, City Center Columbia, S.C.	South Carolina Numismatic Assn.
Nov. 14-17	Hyatt-Cherry Hill Complex Cherry Hill, N.J.	International Paper Money Convention, by SPMC
Nov. 16-17	American Legion Bldg. Salem, Va.	Salem Coin Club
Dec. 13-15	Convention Center Charlotte, N.C.	Blue Ridge Num. Assn.
Mar. 22-23 1986	Ingleside Hotel Staunton, US 11-N	Shenandoah Valley Coin Club

annies vignettes

by annie Mckalvey



HAMPTON

this time i have several things to show you that interested me.

this first one is a card showing several interesting places in hampton — some old, some new. hampton is celebrating its 375 birthday this year. i hope that our out of town friends will visit here during that time and celebrate with us.



the second one shows the front and back of an advertising or trade card, of a cough medicine that is reputed to be quite a cure-all, and is described as a trusty family tonic.

if it was like many of the ones made in those days, it probably depended mostly on alcohol, flavoring and coloring.

THE moral of this, the Sixteenth Card of our Series, is that, if young ladies would avoid creating a scene, similar to the one the artist, Mr. R. W. Buss, gives us in this admirable picture, they had better forego reading ghost stories at bed-time.

The Ghost Story!

As the rough, wintry season of the year approaches, do not forget that a **cold**, once contracted, demands prompt treatment, lest the accompanying Cough should inflame and rack the Lungs, and induce the formation of tubercles. By the use of Dr. JAYNE'S EXpectorant, in small doses,—repeating same according to the urgency of the symptoms,—your Cold will speedily yield, and your Lungs escape a dangerous ordeal. If you should be seized with a **Sore Throat**, **Bronchitis**, or any **Bronchial Disorder**, the EXpectorant will subdue the inflammation of the parts, detach the mucous matter which clogs them, and gradually promote a cure. In case of **Asthma**, the EXpectorant overcomes the cause of the trouble, and a prompt restoration follows. If attacked by **Flourish**, or any **Acute Inflammation** of the Lungs or Throat, take the EXpectorant according to directions,—bathing the parts thoroughly with Dr. JAYNE'S LINIMENT,—and covering up warmly in bed. The EXpectorant, if taken in quite small doses by **Consumptives**, will ameliorate the symptoms, and especially ease the Cough as well as the oppression and soreness of the Lungs and Throat. It is a helpful remedy also in cases of **Croup** and **Whooping-Cough**, checking the violence of the attacks, and relieving the attending distress.

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hope you like my vignettes
annie mck

VNA ANNUAL CONVENTION NEWS

Special Mailing

Be sure to check your mail for the envelope containing materials that was sent to each member in August. Enclosed are details for the 27th Annual Show and Convention of The Virginia Numismatic Association to be held at the Natural Bridge Hotel at Natural Bridge, Virginia, September 27, 28 and 29.

We will be looking forward to seeing all of our members, friends and guests.

Annual Business Meeting

In accordance with past practice, the annual business meeting of The Virginia Numismatic Association will be held at the Natural Bridge Hotel, Natural Bridge, Virginia, at a time and place to be announced. The election of officers and other items on the agenda will be considered.

Hotel Accomodations

The special mailing contained information on the accomodations, prices and facilities available at the Natural Bridge Hotel. We understand that changes have been made since we held our last convention there several years ago.

Be sure to make your reservattions as soon as possible for the best selection of rooms, and be sure to say that is for the VNA Convention.

Items for Sale

Displayed on a table next to the registration desk will be VNA books and membership pins, as well as other items for your consideration.

Bourse

Admission to the Bourse is free and all are invited to check on the many types of numismatic materials shown there for your inspection and purchase. Check all the tables and see what opportunities there are for you to be able to add to your present collection and find new collecting interests. Talk to all of the dealers, and if you do not see what you are looking for, ask if they do have these items with them or if they have them at home. Remember, if there were no dealers, where would we get the items we need for our collections? Many of them will also be interested in seeing any extra material you might have that you want to sell, since they have to replenish their stocks, too. We think that we have the best dealers there are . . . so try them!

There will be no insurance carried on either bourse materials or on exhibits, but guard service will be maintained 24 hours a day for the duration of the show in these two areas.

Exhibits

Get in touch with Chairman James M. Beard, 317 Miller Street, Lexington, Virginia 24450, to reserve space for your exhibits. It takes a lot of time and work, but it is also a lot of fun to arrange an exhibit that shows one of your collecting interests and lets the rest of us see how to put together a novel, informative and attractive display. See if you can put together an exhibit that will win you an attractive plaque to put on your wall and show your friends that you shared your collection with others here. Sharing your interests with others is half the fun of collecting.

Both competitive and non-competitive exhibits are welcome, as long as there is space available.

Due to circumstances beyond our control, VNA will not be able to supply any cases for the exhibitors. This has been noted on the exhibit forms that were sent out by the Chairman, along with the request to exhibitors to bring their own cases.

As noted above, there will be no insurance carried on either bourse materials or on exhibits, but guard service will be maintained 24 hours a day for the duration of the show in these two areas.

Convention Program

The Virginia Numismatic Association does not charge an admission fee to the Annual Convention, but advertising space in the Convention Program is available for members, friends, clubs, dealers, publishers and other interested persons.

If you do not wish to take out a regular ad, you may be listed in the Convention Program as a Patron for the sum of \$2.00, to help offset the cost of presenting the Show.

Please send your advertising copy and checks to: The Virginia Numismatist, P.O. Box 353, Hampton, Virginia 23669, as early as possible, so your material will get there in time to be included.

Our Dinner Speaker

We are very pleased to announce that our after dinner speaker for the 1985 VNA Annual Convention will be Mrs. Elvira Eliza Clain-Stefanelli. The daughter of an Austrian professor, she was born during World War I in Bucharest, Romania. Educated in Europe, she came to America in 1951, and in 1957 she was appointed Curator in the Division of Numismatics at the Smithsonian Institution, in Washington, D.C.

Mrs. Stefanelli became Curator in Charge of the National Numismatic Collection after the passing in October, 1982, of her husband, Dr. Vladimir Clain-Stefanelli.



Mrs. Clain-Stefanelli

She will speak on the subject: "Glimpses From The Smithsonian's National Numismatic Collection."

Annual Banquet

The Banquet will be held Saturday night, following the social hour. This is always the highlight of the Convention.

Following the excellent dinner that has been arranged for us will be the installation of officers for the next year, presentation of awards, the awarding of plaques for the exhibits, and our featured speaker.

Be sure to purchase your dinner tickets when you register for the Convention.

"Rag-Pickers" Get-Together

Don't forget that on Saturday night after the Banquet the Rag-Pickers will get together for their annual conference and discussion period. The time and place of the meeting will be announced at the Convention.

All of those who are interested in the history and collecting of paper money are invited to attend. And remember — as we have said many times before — you only get an opportunity like this once a year, so be sure not to miss it!

Club Representative Breakfast

All member clubs are requested to appoint a representative to attend the breakfast and the meeting following the meal on Sunday morning. These meetings are an important place to discuss the problems and successes of our local coin clubs — to exchange ideas that can help all of our member clubs to function better. This is one of the more important opportunities of the other clubs and see how they are doing things.

We hope that the representatives will bring copies of their Club Bulletins to share with the members of the other clubs, as well as to tell how, when and where they hold their club meetings and shows.

Come and Enjoy the Fellowship

As always, the climax of our numismatic activities for the year in Virginia will be the 27th Annual Convention of The Virginia Numismatic Association, being held this year at the Natural Bridge Hotel, Natural Bridge, Virginia, on the weekend of September 27, 28 and 29.

Bring your family and friends, and enjoy the weekend with them and your favorite hobby of numismatics. The mountains of the western part of our state are a beautiful place to see in the fall of the year.

Please remember too, that our Conventions are not just fine commercial coin shows . . . there are a lot of Bourse tables with a wide variety of numismatic items for sale, and in addition, there are exhibits of all types, meetings and talks, and best of all, the fellowship with friends both old and new.

We are looking forward to seeing you all there, too!

THE BANK OF CREWE, VA. IN 1903

By Walter L. Mason, Jr.

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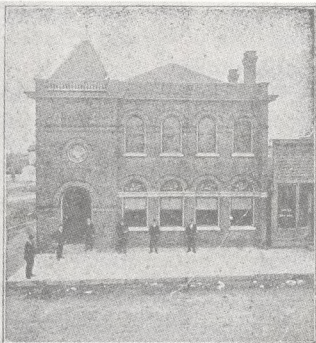
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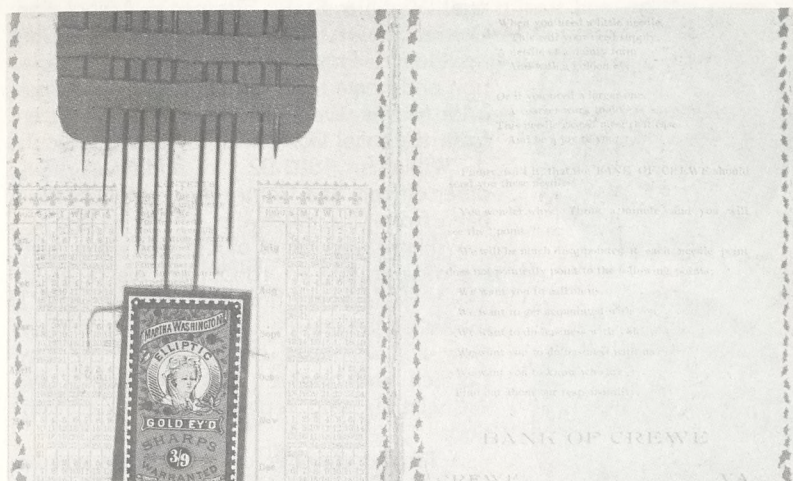
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two stories high and there is a sidewalk out front.

Six men in new suits, white shirts, ties and hats are proudly arrayed in front of the bank. Got to be the whole crew (pun intended).

The next picture shows the gift. Apparently it was free, so my wife would surely have gone there to get one in record time. the Bank in 1903 knew what the ladies wanted, and then as now the bank knew who controlled the purse strings. That's a pretty neat picture of Martha Washington and 25 different needles. The public relations may have been a bit corny with his explanation, but still did a decent job.

The back page lists the bank as having a capital of \$45,000 and names its officers. They also promise you "peaceful sleep" if you deposit your money in their bank.

Now we all know that the purpose of the VNA is to promote numismatics. So before anyone says that is not money in any form, let me comment. It is about and in Virginia. It is a Bank, and it is historical. Let's don't needle each other about the fine points. How about helping to solve the mystery shown here? Six people are pictured on the front cover, but only four are named. Who are the other two men? Another comment — this gift was and is far superior to the ones they offer you in a bank today, and was issued by a Bank with \$45,000 capital. Today a bank would require a \$45,000 deposit for you to receive a toaster that may (with good luck) survive six months.

Long live the Bank of Crewe. That sews up this bit of news from our past.

CHARLOTTESVILLE FIRE COMPANY MEDAL

Charlottesville, Va. July 27, 1985 — Today is the 100th Anniversary of the Charlottesville Fire Company (Volunteer), having been organized July 27, 1885.

The 100th Anniversary is celebrated this year by hosting the 99th An-



nual Virginia State Firemen's Association Convention, August 11-13, 1985. Charlottesville is a Charter member of the Association and hosted the Convention seven times prior to this year. Two presidents have been from the local Company, the sixth, Chief T. J. Williams, 1891-92. In addition, many other officers and Committee members have been from Charlottesville.

Williams was Chief of the Company from its organization in 1885 until his death in 1922. He is being honored this year with a medal slightly larger than a 50 cent coin. One will be presented to each of the City Council and one to each member of the Association who registers for the convention.

A limited number of the medals will be available at \$2.00, plus a SASE from L. S. Key, 2315 Price Ave., Charlottesville, Va. 22903.

NEW FINDS

By Page Mann

I have recently acquired a couple of nice Virginia tokens from "The Big Flea" held in Hampton at the Coliseum and a friend in Suffolk:

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Brass, 25mm

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Good For/One/Bucket

Brass, 24mm

Help Needed:

A couple of years ago, I acquired the following maverick from a local flea market dealer in Williamsburg, who found it when she bought the contents of Claremont General Merchandise, Claremont, Virginia, which is in Surry County:

L. J. FAIRFIELD/STAVE MILLS

50 (Rays)

Alum., 32mm

About six months ago, I acquired another similar maverick from an independent dealer. He only knew that it came out of Surry County:

L. J. FAIRFIELD/STAVE MILLS

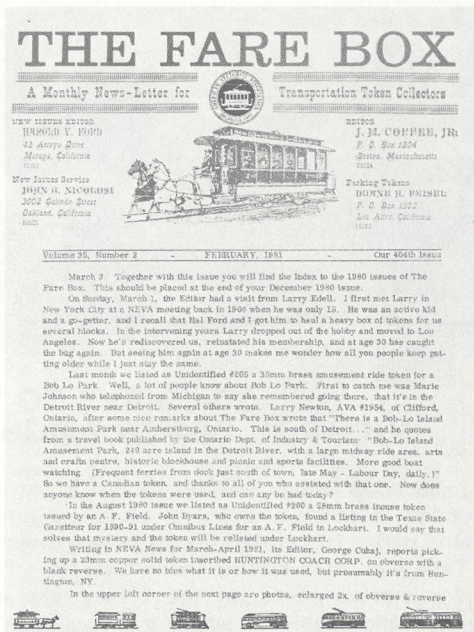
10 (Rays)

Alum., 24mm

Also, I have recently seen an old political mirror bearing the name of JOSEPH T. DEAL. If anyone knows if he ran for Congress from Virginia, I would appreciate hearing from you with details such as from which district and when.

If you have any information on either of these mavericks or the political mirror, please contact me at P.O. Box 1684, Williamsburg, VA 23187-1684.

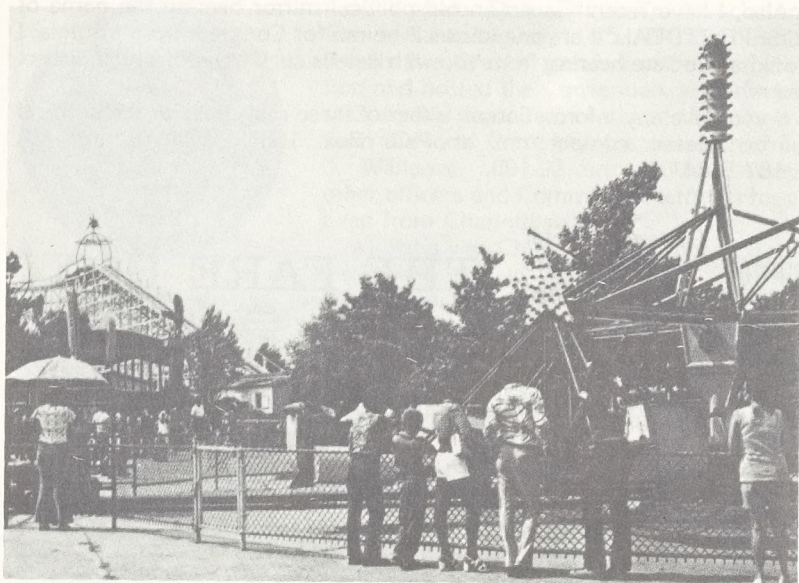
There are several organizations of collectors of various types of tokens, some of whom put out their own publications. Shown here is a copy of THE FARE BOX, dated February, 1981. This is published by The American Vecturist Association, a group of collectors interested in Transportation Tokens.



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They rented rooms, or a cottage, and ate at the restaurants or snack places, went to the amusement park and rode the rides and played the games, swam in the waters that touched the beach and generally enjoyed themselves.

The railway tracks have been taken up, many of the places where they rented accommodations have been torn down and replaced with town houses, and the younger ones like the fancier (and much more expensive) theme parks, or drive or fly to far away places to swim in warmer waters.

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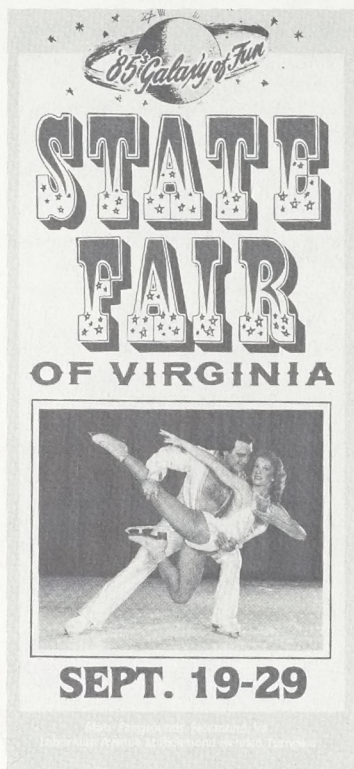
DO YOU REMEMBER THE STATE AND COUNTY FAIRS WE WENT TO IN THE FALL?

In the days when we were young, there used to be county and state fairs every fall. There were the harness races, with the driver riding on a sulky behind the high stepping ponies wearing their vivid colors and trying to get to the finish line first.

There were displays of livestock, the midway for those seeking games and entertainment, lots of places to eat, and lots of people to see and greet.

A lot of the old fair grounds have been swallowed up by commercial and housing developments, but the annual State Fair at Richmond still meets every fall.

The State Fair of Virginia will be held this fall at the State Fairgrounds, Richmond, Va., Laburnum Avenue at the Richmond-Henrico Turnpike, September 19 to 29. There will be a lot of attractions to visit and things to see. Gates are to open at 8 AM and close at midnight. Exhibit buildings will be open from 10 AM to 10 PM (11 AM to 9 PM on Sundays). Have fun!



THE MEN BEHIND THE NOTES: Jesse White

By Keith Littlefield

At the time of his death Jesse White was believed to be the oldest "practical" printer in Virginia, having judiciously practiced his trade for the better part of his 86 years. Many of you will undoubtedly recognize his logo on several obsolete notes from Fredericksburg but first a little family history.

Jesse White was born in Stafford County in 1790, and at age 14 he was apprenticed to Timothy Green who had started printing Fredericksburg's first newspaper "The Virginia Herald and Falmouth Advertiser" in 1786. The printing trade became Jesse's vocation for the next 68 years which saw him progress from apprentice and foreman to the sole proprietor of his own newspaper and job office. Except for the few years spent honing his skills for the "Gazette" in Alexandria, Jesse White pursued his

livelihood in Fredericksburg. He and his old Ramage hand press proficiency earned him the title "The Old Practical Printer" and the respect of all of the townspeople.

In 1849 he opened his own job office and his imprint was J. White. Some of his personal work has been tentatively identified as early as 1837, but this has not been documented to date. In 1851 his imprint was changed slightly to J. White's Job Office but returned to J. White from 1858 to 1871. Jesse White and George W. Johnson began the Weekly Advertiser and Daily Chronicle with the first issue rolling off the press January 8th, 1853. This paper was printed once a week on Saturday at an annual subscription rate of 50¢ with some subscribers living as far away as Westmoreland. It was during this period that they moved their office from the Central Room of the Town Hall to a shop at the corner of Water Street (now Sophia) and across from the present-day Shiloh Baptist Church. The following jingle appeared in some of Jesse White's ads:

"His fame for Job Printing has spread far and wide,
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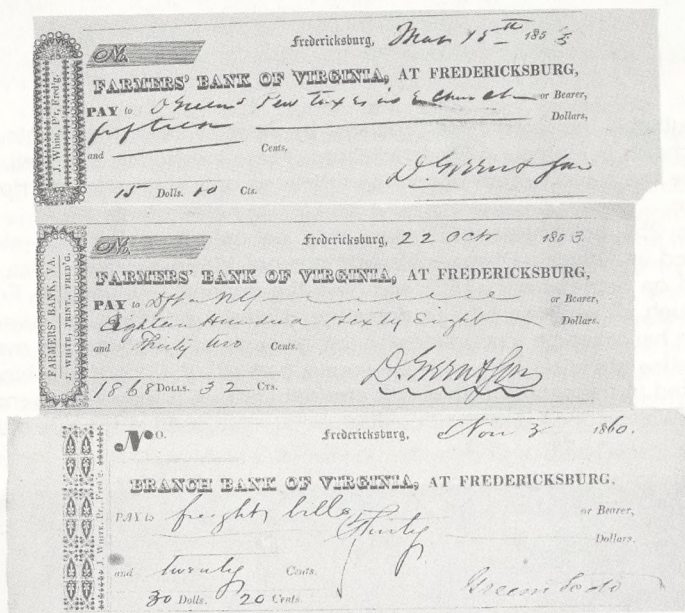
Six months after the paper was begun, George Johnson withdrew from the partnership leaving Jesse White as the sole proprietor. This may have been due to the limited return they were realizing on their venture as noted in the following plea placed by Jesse White on Sept. 22, 1860 due to poor cash flow:

To Our Delinquents!

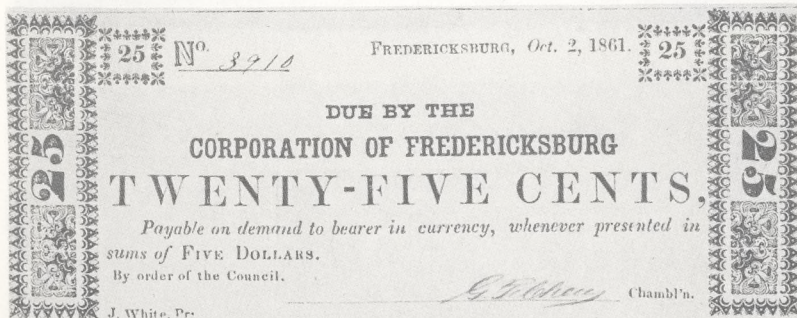
"Oh! delinquent payers — that you may no longer shun us in the streets, dodge us in the stores, and sneakingly hide yourself on all occasions — we will remind you how to pay your arrearages, and be no longer the slaves of your imagination. How? do I hear you say. Well, here is the plan — send us the amount in eggs, butter, hams, hogs, pigs, old hens, thirty-year roosters and chickens. We will even take peggen-oats, wooden nutmegs, leaded hams, paper cabbages, and everything that's fit for, or bearing the slightest imitation of nutriment — together with wood, chips, coke, corn-cribs, feathers, old hats, damaged shucks, light-wood knots, rotter scantling, dry or wet tan, stack-poles, cedar brush, rosin, saw-dust, shavings, splinters, dry leaves, old rags, fence rails, barn doors, flints, or anything that will burn or strike fire, taken on subscription at this office — subject of course to the light of judgement. Now come, roll these things up, and be men — honest and above reproach."

I feel this particular passage is especially important because it gives us some valuable insight into the character of that old codger Jesse. He was evidently a very articulate man, blessed with a fair amount of common sense which was seasoned with more than an adequate dose of charm and humor. Obviously the barter system was still very much alive during that day and he was trying to use that to his advantage. Fredericksburg painted the picture of a typical Virginia town prior to the Civil War and this incident serves to highlight the acute shortage of specie (hard coin) and the

strain increased hoarding put on local economies. Based on my research the first numismatically related items typeset by Jesse White were check blanks used by a number of banks operating locally.



These examples date from the early 1850's, but the first obsolete currency known which contains the J. White, Pr. imprint are the 25¢ Corporation of Fredericksburg notes. The dates of issue start September 13, 1861 and end October 26, 1861; these notes are fairly common with some dates occurring more frequently than others.

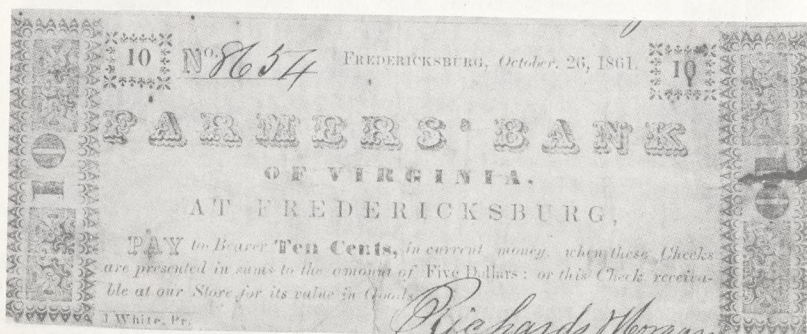
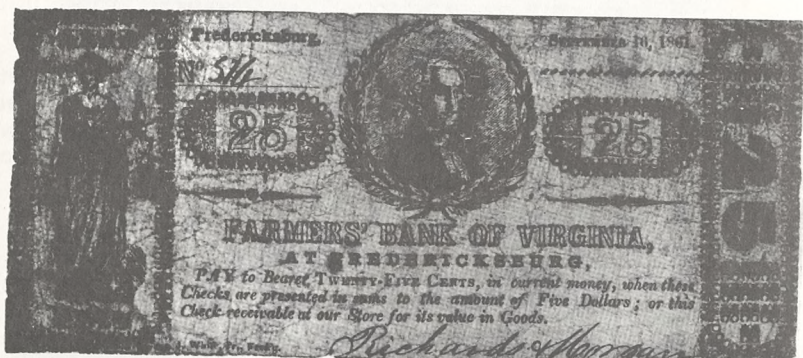


The following receipt was signed by Jesse White after he received \$23 for print the 7680 notes for the Corporation of Fredericksburg. (Special thanks to Ralph Hicks for supplying this historical document.)

Corporation of Fredericksburg,
 1861,
 To Jesse White, - - - Dr.
 Dec. 4 - In printing 7680 Notes, at three Dollars per 1000, \$23.00
 Received payment,
 Jesse White.

Undoubtably the rarest issue produced by Jesse White is the private scrip of Richards & Morgan in Fredericksburg. These individuals and their store will be the subject of an upcoming article so only the basic descriptions follow:

The 25¢ note illustrated below may be unique and it is presently unlisted in Affleck's *Obsolete Paper Money of Virginia*. These notes were issued on September 6, 1861 and have the imprint J. White, Pr., Fred'g. Although all of Jesse White's notes are relatively primitive, his standard design has taken on a new flair with the inclusion of the allegorical maiden of Justice standing left, and the young portrait of George Washington depicted in the center. I note with amusement that it may well exemplify Jesse White's finest and most creative work — attained at the ripe old age of 71.



The 10¢ Richard & Morgan scrip is similar in style and layout to the 25¢ Corporation of Fredericksburg notes mentioned previously. These notes are also very scarce but a small handful of nice examples do exist. These notes were issued on October 26, 1861 bearing the standard J. White, Pr. imprint and were printed on either white or blue paper.

Jesse White's newspaper "The Advertiser" was discontinued late in 1861 due to the Civil War, but after the war he reopened his job office and continued his limited business until becoming bedridden around 1873.

My records indicate that during his long and productive life in Fredericksburg Jesse White was married and they had one daughter. His wife was Lucinda Snellings of Stafford and she passed away December 10, 1874 of pneumonia at age 86. Their daughter, Lucy Ann, was famous in her own right. She married Mr. James A. Cox just before the outbreak of the War between the States, and she travelled with him throughout his entire tour of duty with Company "A" 30th Regiment Virginia Infantry. She was on every march and in every campaign from March of 1862, when the regiment was ordered from the Fredericksburg area to North Carolina, on: caring for the sick and wounded, cooking and cleaning like the true heroine that she was. She was so much respected in fact, that after the war she was voted the honor of being a Confederate veteran by the veterans themselves. This is truly a remarkable and possibly unduplicated occurrence! Her headstone reads: "Lucy Ann Cox, wife of James A. Cox, died December 17, 1891, aged 64 years. A sharer of the toils, dangers and privations of the 30th Virginia Infantry, C.S.A. from 1861 to 1865, and died beloved and respected by the veterans of that command."

After a lingering illness Jesse White passed away November 18, 1875 and, according to newspaper accounts, for all his years of printing service he died a pauper being entirely dependent upon the liberality of the public for his every day bread. His notes and story live on . . . testament to the hardship and destruction wrought on the South by the Civil War.

This article is the second of a series of articles on 'The Men Behind the Notes'. The author's purpose is to provide historical and background information of the persons and businesses responsible for issuing some of Virginia's Obsolete Currency. All questions and additional information can be directed to: Keith Littlefield, 3902 Rose Lane, Annandale, Virginia 22003.

OTHER HOBBIES

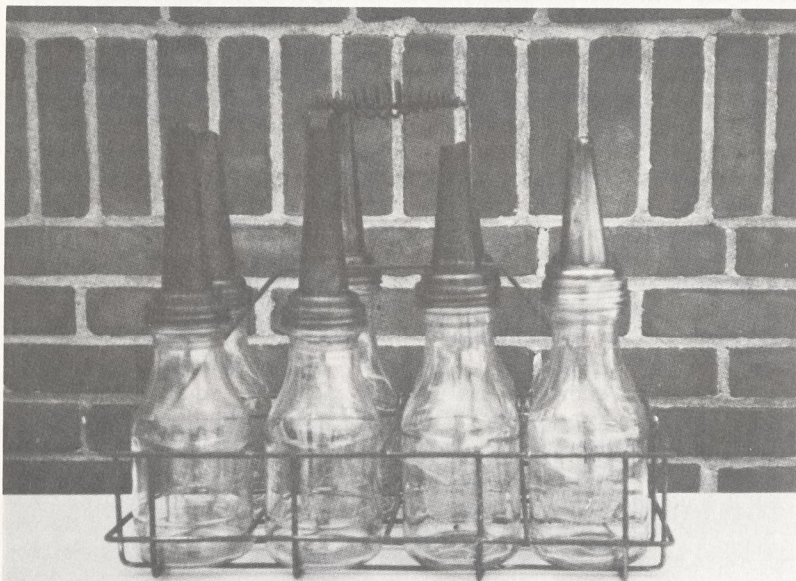
By J. W. Gearhart

Our local coin club has one meeting each year that is called "Other Hobbies Night". Members and their guests are invited to exhibit and tell about things, other than coins and numismatic items, that they collect. There is one thing for sure, nearly every member of the club collects in another avenue. It may be dolls, trains, toys, metal banks, glassware, plates . . . the list goes on and on.

Other hobbies are not always expensive and you may never get "rich"

when you sell them but the collecting is just plain fun and games.

Several years ago, this writer became interested in railroad-type watches and old wall clocks. This will be the subject of another article that I have promised your editor. Today it's "Oil Bottles". Know what they are? If you are old enough to have worked on your automobile in the 1920s, 30s and early 40s — think back. The local gas station operator pumped motor oil



out of a bulk container into a quart sized glass bottle. This was placed in a rack that held eight bottles. He would place a tin metal spout or cap on the bottle. When he went to your automobile to change the oil, he had eight quarts ready. This was before the quart or gallon cans, as we know them today.

What's collectable about an old bottle or a tin metal top? You collect coins by date, mint, condition — same thing.

Some of the oil companies had their name on the bottle either by decal or made into the glass. The trick is to see how many different ones you can find. Even the metal spouts, or caps, had the company name imprinted in the metal.

Now, do you think you can just run out to the next flea market or nearby antique shop and get all you want? Give it a go! Hate to tell you, there are not that many to be found. On a trip to the Pennsylvania collectables shows and flea markets, I was able to find seventeen of the bottles. However, several other trips to North Carolina and Pennsylvania netted from none, to one or two per trip. If you have any of these bottles, this writer would be interested. Write in care of the Editor of the VNA.

Caps found on the bottles have patent dates as early as January 17, 1922, September 14, 1926, and August 4, 1931. They come in different sizes and shapes and are usually between five and six inches tall. The

bottles are of quart-size, usually about the size of a quart milk bottle. They average about four inches at the bottom and seven to nine inches in height, depending on the style of the bottle. Several have shapes different from the milk bottle and are marked as oil bottles.

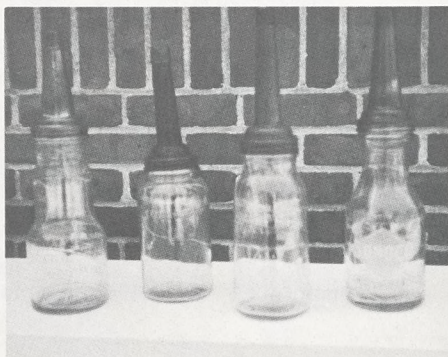
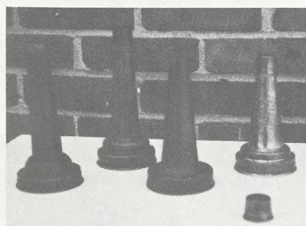
Note: As you may know, milk bottles with the dairy name imprinted on the glass and the old "three cents Store Bottles" are now collectables. You must remember the rule — "don't throw nothing away — somebody collects it". Back to my oil bottles . . . Some of the company names found on the bottles are as follows: Master Manufacturing Company, Sunoco Oil Company, Mobil A, Huffman, Moore and Kling Inc., Jay B. Rhodes, Marquette Manufacturing Company, Hazel Atlas Glass Company, Brookins, and Perfection Oil Dispenser Company, and Amco Corporation, N.Y. these are some of the names on bottles that I have found. There are others out there to be found. I know of several other companies that made them, but have been unable to obtain a bottle. That's where the fun is. It presents a challenge. It gives you something to look for and inquire about when you vacation to another area.

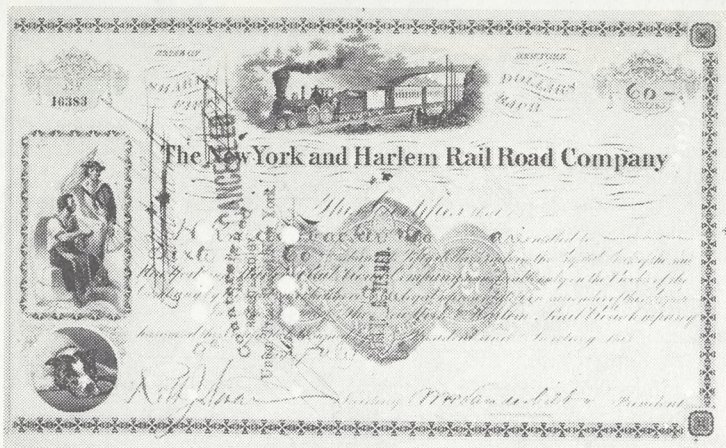
I find it best to carry a photograph of one of the actual bottles when making inquiries. Some folks just don't know what these things are. Question: "Are there any other collectors of these bottles?" Yes!

In my travels, I have found several flea market operators who collect them. Also, a hardware store owner in a Virginia town, who worked for an oil company years ago. A retired Exxon Service Station owner in North Carolina still has an original rack of eight bottles, but he also had his 1955 model truck that he used to make service calls. Needless to say, I was unable to buy the bottles. Someday? Maybe? He did take my name and address. I may have to buy the truck to get the bottles.

Some of these bottles and the bulk oil containers are still in use in rural areas. I have heard that some company still makes the caps but they are made of plastic. Another collection? It is fun! Don't knock it 'till you have tried it!

Have a good time and enjoy what you collect. It does get your mind off every day problems if only for a few minutes.





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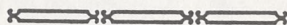
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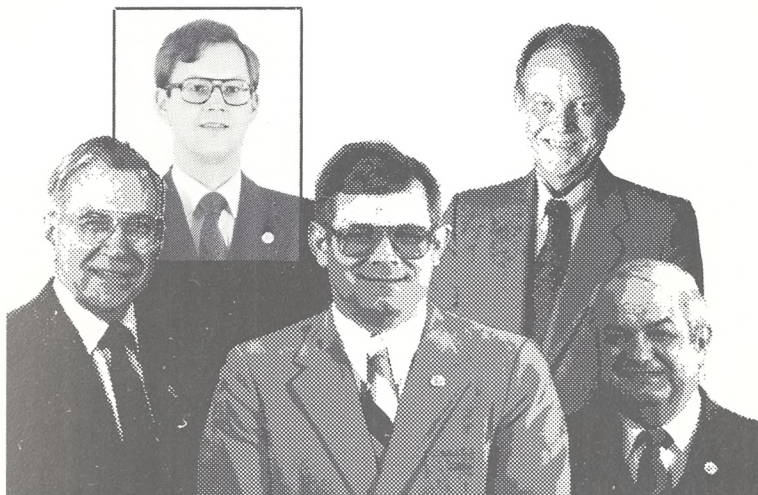
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PRESIDENT'S LETTER



As I enter into the presidency of the VNA, I would like to thank the officers and members for the confidence you have placed in me. I will do my best to ensure that your confidence is not misplaced.

All who managed to find their way through the woods to Natural Bridge seem to have had a grand time. The weather was beautiful and warm, and the fun and fellowship warmer still. Despite a somewhat sparse bourse, lots of nice items were offered for sale, and quite a few goodies changed hands.

The banquet was presided over by genial Walt Mason, and both he and the Natural Bridge Hotel fully lived up to their well deserved reputations for wit and good food respectively. Our speaker, Mrs. Elvira Clain-Stefanelli, provided us with a fascinating and memorable look at the treasures in the National Collection.

To all of those whose efforts made the convention possible, many, many thanks. I haven't space enough to list you all, but your talent devotion and teamwork are the powerhouse that makes VNA go. Special thanks are in order to Exhibits Chairman Jim Beard and Bourse Chairman Ray Haymaker who brought it all together, and also to Margie Beard and Del Haymaker who ran the hospitality desk so capably. Ray is retiring this year from the post of Bourse Chairman, which he has filled so long and so capably. Thanks a lot, Ray. Thanks also to Immediate Past President Keith Littlefield, our new Bourse Chairman, for his distinguished service as President.

Preparations for the 1986 convention are already well in hand. It will be held at the Richmond Hyatt Hotel, W. Broad Street and I-64, September 26, 27 and 28, 1986. Further details will be published in future issues.

To all members, and non-membes as well, I extend the request that you share your knowledge and expertise by contributing articles to The Virginia Numismatist. The need for material is a never ending one and we rely on you to fill it.

Also, I ask that each member club supply Editor Don Roberts with your meeting schedule, and short accounts of your activities. This will increase opportunities for all of us to broaden our numismatic horizons.

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Most of the Club members have been attending local, state, regional and national coin shows and meetings this summer.

With the advent of the fall season, the regular winter club meetings will resume.

We would appreciate it if the secretaries of the local clubs would be sure to see that we are on your mailing list and send us data on your club activities and shows, so we can include them in the NEWS OF OUR CLUBS section.

Also, please be sure to give us your correct address, since many times when new officers go in they do not give us the information as to where the mail to your club should be sent. MANY THANKS.

CALENDAR OF CLUB SHOWS

Nov. 14-17	Hyatt-Cherry Hill Complex Cherry Hill, N.J.	International Paper Money Convention, by SPMC
Nov. 16-17	American Legion Bldg. Salem, Va.	Salem Coin Club
Dec. 13-15	Convention Center Charlotte, N.C.	Blue Ridge Num. Assn.

Jan. 2-5 1986	Hixon Convention Center Tampa, FLA	Florida United Numismatists
Mar. 7-9	Southern Inn Chattanooga, Tenn.	Tenn. State Num. Society
Mar. 22-23	Ingleside Hotel Staunton, US 11-N	Shenandoah Valley Coin Club
Aug. 5-9	Convention Center Milwaukee, Wisc.	95th ANA Convention
SEPT. 26-28	RICHMOND HYATT HOTEL RICHMOND, VA	VIRGINIA NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

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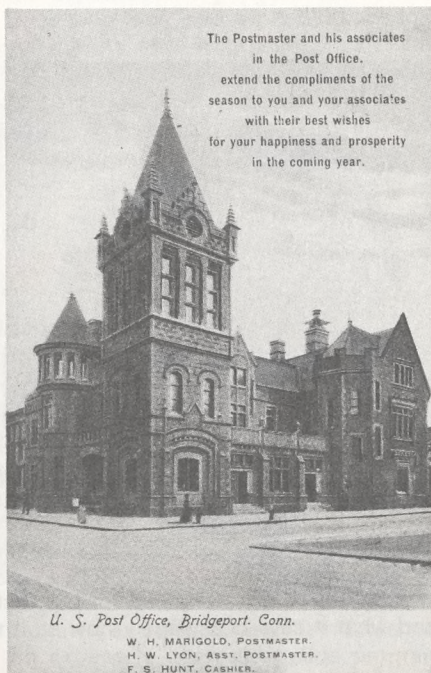
by annie mckalvey

since this is the last issue of the year, i have several things to share as we come to christmas and the new year.

one of my kind friends shared some of his postcards with me, that are especially timely for the coming end of the year.

the first two cards were mailed in the first decade of this century, and both are related to the united states mail service — or u s mule, as don so often refers to them, especially when it takes a week or two for mail to get to him from richmond or some other distant location.

they probably move the most mail around christmas time, so we show first the one from the postmaster and his associates at the post office in bridgeport, conn. thank you for the good wishes, gentlemen.



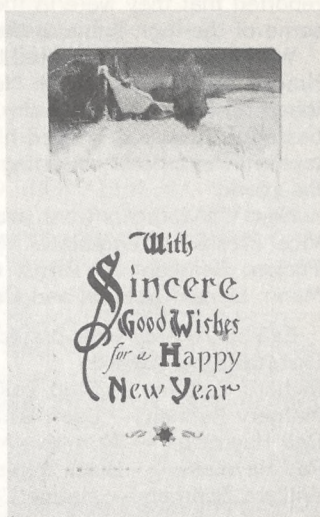


the second one is from the post office department in milwaukee, wis., and shows the type of truck being used there to deliver packages and mail at the time. eat your heart out, mr. oldfield.



the third card was mailed for the first christmas in the first world war, and what it says is as timely now as it was then.

the last card was mailed in the year following the end of the first world war, and extends to us sincere good wishes for a happy new year. in the space on the front was written the message — with a world of love and good wishes . . .



the last item is about people, two special people that i have known for a long time, and when don told me about it i was delighted. he said that mr. walt mason had been picked to receive the numismatic ambassador award from numismatic news, and it was given to him at the v n a convention at natural bridge in september, by mr. chet krause. my little brother and i have known mr. and mrs. mason for a long time, and we could have told them years ago that mr. and mrs. mason were both numismatic ambassadors, and had been for as long as we had known them, and long before that, too. congratulations, folks.

and now, i can only echo the words on the christmas card — may peace, god's peace on thee descend, and be with thee evermore.

hope you like my vignettes
annie mck

A REPORT ON OUR 27TH ANNUAL CONVENTION

The weather over the in the western part of the state was fine, in great contrast to the rain, high winds and high water here in the tidewater area, and the folks that attended the Annual Convention enjoyed it.

There were not as many people there or as many dealers as were expected, but the buyers and the dealers all seemed to be satisfied, and a lot of nice material changed hands.

The Hotel furnished an excellent dinner, and Mrs. Elvira Clain-Stefanelli presented an excellent talk and an extremely interesting slide program showing some of the treasures in the National Collection. She also

reported that they were in the process of starting a new exhibit showing some of the high lights of the coinage of India.

Walt Mason was presented the Numismatic Ambassador Award by Chet Krause, the founder of the Numismatic Ambassador award program and the publisher of Numismatic News. In naming Mason as the newest Ambassador, Krause described him as "a collector's collector, preaching the joys and rewards of collecting for its own sake — the process rather than the profit."

New VNA officers were sworn in: President: James C. Ruehrmund; 1st Vice President: Virginia S. Aldridge; 2nd Vice President: Gregory E. Tucker; Sergeant At Arms: George K. Morehead; and Directors: Page Mann, Donald Roberts and Gerald A. Schmidt.

Exhibit Awards were presented to the following:

Outstanding Awards

Richard Coltrane — Ship Tokens of the British Isles
Margery Hannah — Look What They Did To My Money
Dell Haymaker — Primitive Money
Ray Haymaker — Black Registers of the U.S. Treasury
William Spilman — Marine Corp Tokens

Best of Show

Warren Plumer — Pan Pacific Exposition Tokens and Medals

Charles Affleck Award

Richard Jones — Paper Money of the Roanoke Area

We wish to thank these and the other exhibitors who took the time to prepare all of the interesting exhibits shown at the show.

The Rag Pickers had a big turnout for the meeting after the banquet, and we have been advised that there was a big time had by all.

The winners of the gold coins were as follows:

1. \$10 Olympic — Mrs. Robert M. New, Roanoke Rapids, N.C.
2. \$5 Gold — Col. L. H. Langston, Hampton, Va.
3. 1/10 Canadian — William Spilman, Waynesboro, Va.

Preparations for the 1986 Annual Convention are already underway. It will be held at the Richmond Hyatt Hotel, West Broad Street and I-64, Richmond, Virginia, September 26, 27 and 28, 1986. Be sure to mark the time and keep that weekend open for the next Convention and Show.

We will be looking for you there!

NEW FINDS

By Page Mann

I picked up the following two tokens from a flea market dealer in Virginia Beach a few months ago.

H.P. KELLAM/CHERITON/VA.

Good for 5¢/In/Merchandise

Brass, Square, 17x17mm

H.P. KELLAM/CHERITON/VA
Good For/10¢/In/Merchandise
Brass, Square, 19x19mm

I wish to thank all who took their time to write and send me information on R. N. Stephens and QUINQUA, VA.

In the October issue of SCRIP TALK, it was noted that a small hoard of \$5.00 and \$10.00 HONAKER LUMBER CO. (HONAKER, VA) tokens had been found. The \$5.00 piece is brass, 42mm, and the \$10 piece is brass, 45mm. In "EDKIN'S CATALOGUE OF UNITED STATES COAL COMPANY STORE SCRIP" by Don Elkins, the \$5.00 was unlisted, and the \$10.00 was R-10. Now both have a new rarity value of R-7.

SCRIP TALK is published monthly by NATIONAL SCRIP COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION (NSCA) out of Fayetteville, West Virginia. NSCA is for collectors of coal mine scrip. In West Virginia, you do not find tokens, just scrip. If anyone would like more information on NSCA, scrip or rarity values of scrip, please contact me.

In the NEED HELP DEPARTMENT, can anyone tell me if A. L. LORD was located in Norfolk, Virginia?

I have received a short list of unlisted Virginia tokens from a new collector out of Suffolk, but still need information on other unlisted tokens. Send list to P.O. Box 1684, Williamsburg, VA 23187-1684.

VARIETIES OF THE 1861 NOTES OF THE CORPORATION OF RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

By James C. Ruehrmund

On Friday, April 19, 1861, two days after Virginia seceded from the Union, the Richmond City Council passed an ordinance for the issue of a city currency. The city had no legal authority for this action, but funds were desperately needed to meet the coming emergency. The total amount authorized was \$300,000, in notes of the following denominations:

\$1 Notes	\$200,000
50¢ Notes	\$50,000
25¢ Notes	\$50,000

The Council President, David J. Saunders, was directed to procure the necessary plates and paper for the notes, which were to be signed by him, and attested by the City Chamberlain, Thomas Lawson.

On April 22, 1861, an amendment to the ordinance reduced the amount of \$1 notes to \$100,000, and provided for the issue of \$100,00 in notes of \$2 denomination. A subsequent amendment of August 26, 1861, repealed the provision for 25¢ notes, none of which were issued, and provided for an additional \$50,000 in \$2 notes. Thus, the amounts finally authorized were:

\$2 Notes	\$150,000 (75,000 notes)
\$1 Notes	\$100,000 (100,000 notes)
50¢ Notes	\$50,000 (100,000 notes)

Shortly after the adoption of the original ordinance of April 19, Mr. Saunders engaged the firm of Hoyer and Ludwig to lithograph the notes, which seems to have been H&L's first venture in the currency printing business. Hoyer went to Baltimore to buy the paper. This must have been an adventurous journey, and an account of it, if one exists, would no doubt make fascinating reading. Printing, using paper already on hand, may have commenced before Hoyer's return from Baltimore. Signing and numbering of the new notes commenced on May 1, and the first \$1 notes were placed in circulation by May 4. The 50¢ followed on May 9.

Signing the notes proved to be a heavy burden for the Chamberlain and the Council President. To provide relief, the Council on May 13 directed that the 50¢ and 25¢ notes be signed by D. J. Saunders, Jr., for his father the president, and by M. L. Stratton, a city clerk, for the Chamberlain. This did not entirely alleviate the signing bottleneck, and on July 13 the Council authorized two of its members, P. R. Grattan and D. J. Burr, to sign for the President and the Chamberlain respectively.

The new notes, issued through the City Chamberlain's office, were readily accepted and in great demand. So great was the demand, many were issued as uncut sheets due to lack of time to separate them. Issue continued through the summer and fall of 1861.

On November 4, 1861, President Saunders reported to the Council that the Grand Jury of the Superior Court of Richmond had ordered the City to cease issuing currency, and had indicted the City, the councilmen and several city officials for the illegal issue of currency.

The Council immediately prepared a petition defending its action as necessary to meet the unprecedented emergency, and requesting that the issue be legalized. This was submitted first to the State Convention and then to the General Assembly which, on May 19, 1862, passed an act which legalized the Richmond notes.

In his report of November 4 President Saunders stated that the total amount of notes placed in circulation up to November 1, when the issue ceased, was \$278,542.50, in the following denominations:

\$2 Notes	\$150,000.00 (75,000 notes)
\$1 Notes	\$83,801.00 (83,801 notes)
50¢ Notes	\$44,741.50 (89,483 notes)

Curiously enough, the relative scarcity of these notes today seems to be in inverse proportion to the numbers issued. The \$2 note is the one most commonly encountered, and the 50¢ denomination is the scarcest, particularly in choice condition.

Although the Richmond notes are generally uniform, minor varieties do exist, chiefly due to the changes in the signing arrangements. Most of them are printed on medium thickness white paper of rather indifferent quality, apparently the paper purchased by Hoyer in Baltimore. However, some of the \$1 notes, as indicated below, are on thin tissue-like paper. All of the notes of all three denominations have the printer's name, "Hoyer & Ludwig Richmond, Va." in the black print below the left signature line.

Description of the Notes

Fifty Cent Denomination

Printed in black with a pink underprint. At left is a seated woman (Industry?), and at center, the Richmond City Hall. Dated 19 April 1861, with 19 (sometimes 19th) written with pen and ink and the remainder printed. Has "Engr.^d C. Ludwig" in the pink underprint below the right signature line.

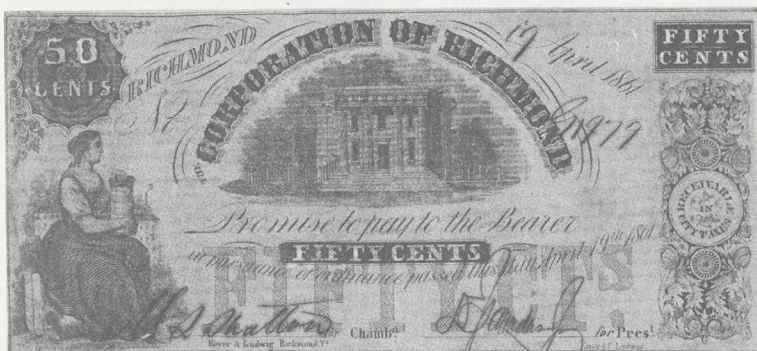


Figure 1

- Variety 1. The word "for" is omitted on the signature lines before "Chamb.ⁿ" and "Pres.^t", and the notes are signed by these officials, T. Lawson and D. J. Saunders respectively. Due to the short duration (13 days) of the signature combination this variety is rare. It is possible that it exists both with and without the legend "Engr.^d C. Ludwig" in the pink underprint, but determination must await the discovery of specimens for examination.
- Variety 2. The word "for" is written in pen and ink before "Chamb.ⁿ" and "Pres.^t", and the notes are signed by deputies M. L. Stratton and D. J. Saunders, Jr.
- Variety 3. The word "for" is printed on the signature lines before "Chamb.ⁿ" and "Pres.^t"; the notes are signed by M. L. Stratton and D. J. Saunders, Jr. (See Figure 1)
- Variety 4. As last, but without "Engr.^d C. Ludwig" in the underprint.

One Dollar Denomination

Printed in black with green underprint. At top center is depicted the reverse of a Spanish eight real coin, and at bottom center, a watchdog and safe. Dated 19th April 1861, with 19 written and the remainder printed. Has "Engr.^d by C. Ludwig" in the black print below the right signature line.

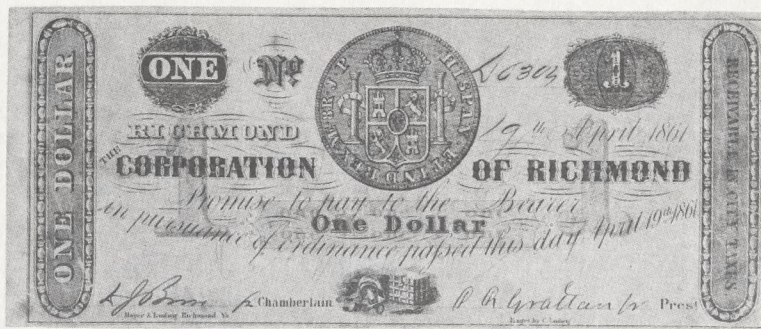


Figure 2

- Variety 1. The word "for" is omitted on the signature lines; notes are signed by T. Lawson and D. J. Saunders.
- Variety 2. As last, but without "Engr.^d by C. Ludwig".
- Variety 3. Like No. 2, but printed on thin tissue-like paper.
- Variety 4. The word "for" is written in before "Chamberlain" and "Pres.t"; the notes are signed by deputies J. D. Burr and P. R. Grattan. (See Figure 2)
- Variety 5. As last, but without "Engr.^d by C. Ludwig".

Two Dollar Denomination

Printed in black with orange red underprint. Has portrait of Governor John Letcher at center. Dated 19 April 1861, with 19 written and the remainder printed.



Figure 3

- Variety 1. The word "for" is printed on the signature lines before "Chamb.n" and "Pres.t", but is lined out with pen and ink; notes are signed by Lawson and Saudners.
- Variety 2. Has the word "for" printed only before "Chamb.n", but lined out with pen and ink; notes are signed by Lawson and Saunders.

Variety 3. The word "for" is omitted on both signature lines. (See Figure 3.)

Variety 4. The word "for" is written in pen and ink before "Chamb.ⁿ" and "Pres.^t"; notes are signed by deputies Burr and Grattan.

There are also contemporary counterfeits of the 1861 Richmond notes, produced by Samuel C. Upham of Philadelphia. As issued they carried in the bottom margin an imprint which reads:

"Fac-Simile Confederate Note — Sold Wholesale and Retail by S. C. Upham, 403 Chestnut Street. Philadelphia"

It was, of course, a simple matter to trim off the Upham imprint, and notes so trimmed circulated in wartime Richmond. Circulated specimens of the \$1 and \$2 denominations, some of them backed with pieces of war-time newspapers, turn up from time to time in hoards of richmond currency. Judging from their generally crude appearance, the Upham fakes should have fooled no one, but apparently they fooled many.

Description of the Upham Counterfeits

One Dollar Denomination

This is a coarsely drawn copy of the genuine note described above. Signatures of J. D. Burr and P. R. Grattan, and the figure 19 in the date are printed instead of written.

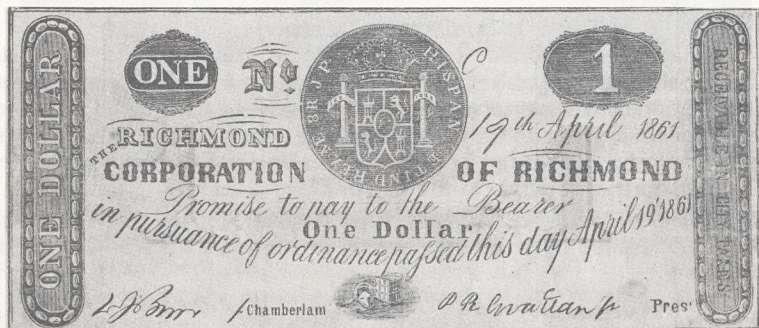


Figure 4

Variety 1. The serial number, C3451, is printed instead of written.

Variety 2. Only the letter C in the serial number block is printed, and space is left for a written number to be inserted with pen and ink. (See Figure 4)

Two Dollar Denomination

This is also a coarsely drawn copy of the genuine note described above. The portrait is grotesque, and looks more like Daddy Warbucks than

Governor Letcher. The signatures of T. Lawson and J. D. Saunders, and the figure 19 in the date are printed instead of written.

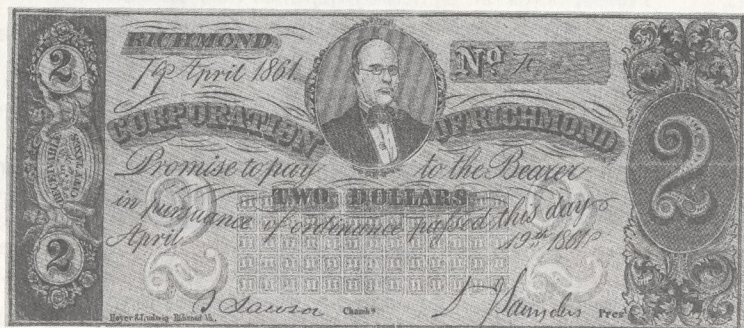


Figure 5

Variety 1. The serial number, H9503, is printed instead of written.

The H appears thus: *H*

Variety 2. Only the H in the serial number block is printed, and space is left for a written number to be inserted. (See Figure 5.)

Variety 3. Without printed serial number or letter.

Fifty Cent Denomination

This has been reported, but no specimen has come to hand. Its characteristics are probably similar to those of the \$1 and \$2 counterfeits.

This list of 1861 Richmond note varieties must be considered tentative, for it appears quite certain that additional varieties exist. It is hoped that this brief study will prompt collectors to examine their Richmond notes and report further varieties to the author.

Reference: "Richmond at War. The Minutes of the City Council, 1861-1865" Edited by Louis H. Manarin; Richmond Civil War Centennial Committee.

APPLICANTS FOR MEMBERSHIP

The following individuals have applied for membership in the Virginia Numismatic Association and will become members within 20 days from the mailing of this notice unless some adverse reaction is received, in which case the matter will be acted upon by the Board of Directors.

Applicant	Sponsor
Dr. Joseph R. Alfonso, Highland Springs, VA	Marjorie Beard
Paul D. Kelchner, Winchester, VA	M. L. Powell, Jr.
Donald T. Maren, Aylett, VA	James A. Johnson
John F. Moore II, Madison Heights, Va	Ray Haymaker

PROFILES: Mason newest Ambassador



The newest Numismatic Ambassador, Walt Mason (left), was honored at the Sept. 28 VNA convention banquet. Presenting him with the plaque symbolic of the honor is award founder Chet Krause.

One of the Mid-Atlantic region's best-known collectors, Walt Mason of Rockville, Md., became the most recent recipient of the Numismatic Ambassador award Sept. 28.

Mason received the award at the banquet of the Virginia Numismatic Association's annual convention at Natural Bridge, Va. Making the presentation was the founder of the Numismatic Ambassador award program, Chet Krause, founding publisher of *Numismatic News*.

Though recently less active than usual in numismatic circles due to serious by-pass surgery, Mason has been serving the VNA on its board of governors and as master of ceremonies at the Association's annual banquet.

Well-known and popular from Richmond to Philadelphia, Mason became active in the numismatic hobby more than 30 years ago under the tutelage of Ben Douglas. He later became a part-time coin dealer, working with Douglas. In 1970 he opened Nova Coin Shop in Washington, D.C., later moving the business to Falls Church, Va., from which he retired in 1983.

In naming Mason as the newest Ambassador, Krause described him as

"a collector's collector, preaching the joys and rewards of collecting for its own sake — the process rather than the profit."

Mason is a collector of coins, paper money, checks and other media of exchange, "anything from which he can learn," said Krause, "anything which has history, a story to tell."

Mason has been a regular writer for the highly-regarded *Virginia Numismatist*, and for the *TAMS Journal*.

He has been a staunch member of the Washington Numismatic society and the Montgomery County Coin club over the years, holding all positions from sergeant-at-arms to president. He was instrumental in the founding of the Prince Georges County Coin club.

Mason often uses numismatics as an "ice-breaker" in his volunteer work with patients at Suburban Hospital, Bethesda, Md.

The Numismatic Ambassador award program, now more than a decade old, was created to honor grass roots numismatists whose contributions to the strength and growth of the hobby generally have gone unnoticed outside of their home areas. There are some 150 Numismatic Ambassadors nation-wide. New honorees are selected by vote of the current Ambassadors, based on nominations made to *Numismatic News* by clubs and individuals.

NOTE: We wish to thank the publishers of this fine article about Walt Mason, excerpted from NUMISMATIC NEWS.

THE CAPTAIN WAS A LADY

By Ralph Hicks

Have you ever known of Sally Louise Tompkins from the estate of Popular Grove located over in Matthews County, Virginia? Sally and her friends healed many a wounded southern soldier during the war between the states. They did an excellent job better than any confederate could do. However, the confederate army did not like government medicines turned over to civilians, especially women. So the south put Sally's hospital off limits to all southern soldiers. Sally still wanted to help the cause, but she could not receive the drugs she so badly needed. She was upset with all the government's redtape and she decided to do something and went directly to the office of President Jefferson Davis.

Here we have the president of the southern confederacy confronted with a five foot, ninety pound problem backed by the whole strength of southern womanhood, including the southern ladies aid society. President Davis had one war already on his hands and at this time Sally, unlike the Union army, was in the confederate capitol. Davis did not want to upset the morale of the confederate army and countermand precedents going back to the dark ages. You must understand ever since the time of the Roman legions it was accepted that men would nurse men who had been wounded in battles. The wounds were so unsightly and gory that it was felt that women should not be allowed to view them.

What was President Davis to do? He could not forbid the southern woman from doing her part, especially when they could probably do it so much better. President Davis called in his aide for a conference. Make out a commission in the army of the confederacy, he stated, for Captain Sally

Tompkins. "As an officer you are assigned the care of the sick and the wounded and authorized to be issued all the supplies and drugs you may need."

Now, captain, said Davis, a good officer salutes her superior. Where-upon the first duly and officially created woman officer of any army on our continent did so — upon the cheek of the president of the southern confederacy.

(Sally Tompkins maintained the Robertson Hospital in Richmond.)

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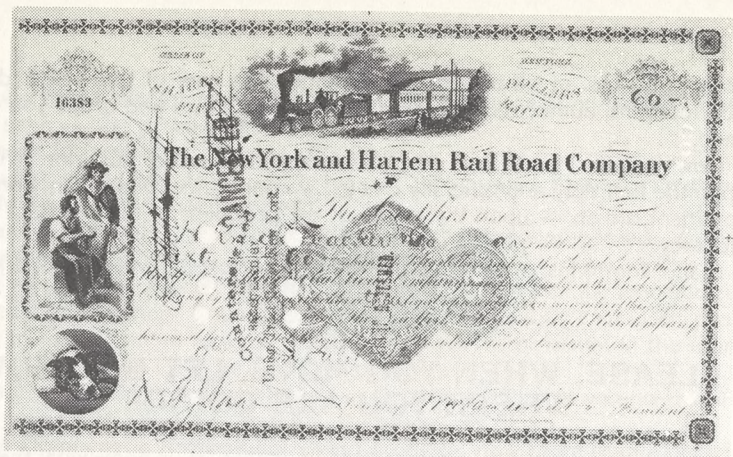
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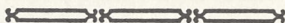
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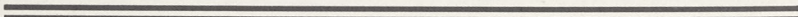
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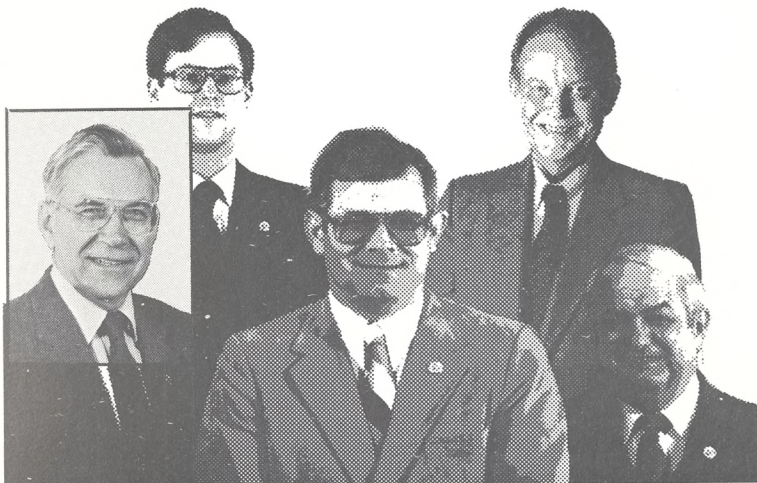
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PRESIDENT'S LETTER



It's a bit difficult to get into the spirit of Christmas and New Years when the Thanksgiving Holiday is not yet over, but lead time must be considered, and by the time you read this it will be 1986. I hope that each of you and your families enjoyed a happy holiday season, and I wish you all a New Year filled with happiness, prosperity and success, especially in the field of collecting.

Many thanks to the clubs that have sent in their meeting notices. We want to publish such notices, but it's difficult to coordinate monthly notices in a magazine that comes out every other month. I therefore ask that clubs provide us with a general notice giving day, time and place of your regular meetings. Also, if you publish a program schedule for the year, please send a copy to both Don Roberts and to me.

We are still very much in need of articles for the Virginia Numismatist. Subject matter is definitely not limited to Virginia paper money and tokens. Articles on any numismatic or even any quasi-numismatic subject will be welcomed. Articles need not be long. Our readers would enjoy a short piece on your particular collecting interests, a special item in your collection, a memorable collecting experience you have had, or what have you. If sending in your material to be photographed for illustrations is a problem, send a clear photocopy instead. Such copies generally reproduce satisfactorily. The important thing is to send in some articles.

My article on the Richmond Notes of 1861 in the last issue represents an effort on my part to practice what I'm preaching. I hope that readers will send in comments, corrections to any errors I made, and, above all, descriptions of notes that were omitted from the listing. So far I've received no feedback, so please, let me hear from you.

With warm regards,

Sincerely
Jim Ruehrmund
President

DEATH OF A COLLECTOR

We regret to report the death of Mrs. Agnes E. Chambers, of Hampton, in December. She is survived by her husband, Girard Chambers, Jr., of Hampton, her daughter, her son and a brother.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Chambers have been long time collectors and supporters of VNA and the Virginia Peninsula Coin Club.

All of her friends will miss this fine lady.

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NEWS OF OUR CLUBS

RICHMOND COIN CLUB

The Richmond Coin Club installed its new officers for 1986 at the annual dinner meeting held on December 3rd at Extra Billy's Restaurant in Richmond.

Officers for the coming year are: President, Bob Balas; Vice Pres., John Simpson; Secretary, Louise Tickle and Treasurer, Ed Edfford.

Regular meetings from January through November are held on the first Tuesday of each month at the Bank of Virginia Building at Eighth and Main Streets in downtown Richmond. The entrance is located at 7 North Eighth St., a short distance up the hill from Main St. Free parking is available in the bank parking lot located on Eighth St. across from the bank. Visitors are always welcome.

WASHINGTON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

At the November meeting Burnett Anderson gave a most informative update on the status of coin legislation on Capitol Hill.

For the December meeting each member was asked to bring an exhibit and everyone enjoyed the Christmas Buffet.

Also at the December meeting the following slate of officers was elected for the coming year: President, Frank J. Katen; 1st Vice Pres., Ron Menichetti; 2nd Vice Pres., Len Harsel; Sec., Laurese B. Katen; Tres.,

L. Keoth Pusey; Sgt.-At-Arms, Sam Butland. Board of Directors, Mae Clark, John Fuller, John Huffman, Bob Waszilsack and Albert Steidel.

Guests and visitors are welcome to attend the meetings held each month.

SHENANDOAH VALLEY COIN CLUB

Featured at recent meetings of the Club were talks, displays, club auctions, door prizes, business meetings, election of new club officers, plans for the Christmas Banquet, and plans for the Annual Coin and Stamp Show to be held at the Ingleside Hotel, on U.S. Route 11 North on March 22 and 23.

The Club has also extended an invitation to The Virginia Numismatic Association to hold the VNA Spring Board Meeting there on Saturday, March 22nd.

VIRGINIA PENINSULA COIN CLUB

Featured at the recent monthly meetings were: regular auctions, what's my coin games, slide programs, talks on numismatic materials, other hobbies night, a donated auction and talks on coin grading.

Long time club member M. E. Davidson was voted by the Board of Directors to be given an honorary lifetime membership.

The slate of officers proposed for the next year included: President, Norman Strock; Vice Pres., James Jowarski; Secretary, Bunky Garfield; Treas., Rick Garfield and Sgt.-At-Arms, Harry Fitzgerald.

A donated auction is proposed for January, and the Annual Banquet and installation of new club officers will be held in February.

KENT COIN CLUB

Our friends over in the Eastern Shore in Delaware have been busy as usual.

Their Annual Coin Show was held in September, and monthly meetings featuring talks, door prizes and exhibits are well attended.

The following officers were elected for 1986: Pres., Russ Frank; Vice Pres., Ed Clevenger; Sec., Mark Elder; Treas., Ed Littlejohn; Sgt.-At-Arms, Lee Short; Senior Board Member, Steve Taylor; Junior Board Members, David Patterson and Gary Schroeder.

The November meeting featured a well-received program by Russ Evan-son on his recent jaunt to the Middle East.

At the December meeting several show and tell talks were presented during the election by Dr. Terry Bryan and Steve Taylor.

TIDEWATER COIN CLUB

Scheduled for the year end period were the annual dinner meeting of the Club and plans for the spring Coin and Stamp Show at the Virginia Beach Pavilion.

All collectors are invited, and there is plenty of free parking space available.

WINCHESTER NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

The Winchester Numismatic Society held a year-end dinner for members and their spouses at the Aikens Steak House, Winchester.

During the meeting the election of officers for 1986 was held. The new officers are: President, Barry Kittoe, Vice Pres., Greg Spaid; Sec., Russ Lewis, and Treasurer, Bob Couperthwaite.

The Club meets the second Monday of each month, at 7:30 PM in the War Memorial Building on Cork Street extended. The public is invited.

MONTICELLO COIN CLUB

The Monticello Coin Club featured one of the slide programs from VNA at a fall meeting.

CALENDAR OF CLUB SHOWS

Jan. 2-5	Hixon Convention Center Tampa, FLA	Florida United Numismatists
Feb. 14-16	Sheraton Inn New Carrollton, MD	Suburban Washington, D.C.
Feb. 20-22	Salt Lake City, Utah Salt Palace	American Numismatic Assn.
Mar. 7-9	Southern Inn Chattanooga, Tenn.	Tenn. State Num. Society
Mar. 22-23	Ingleside Hotel Staunton, US 11-N	Shenandoah Valley Coin Club
Apr. 18-20	Sheraton Inn New Carrollton, MD	WMPG - Tri-Club
July 19-20	Roanoke Civic Center Roanoke, Va.	Roanoke Valley Coin Club
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annies vignettes

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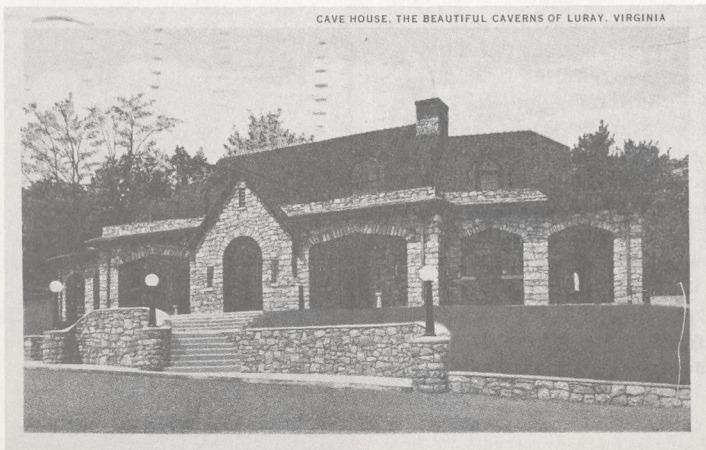
this time i have several items for your consideration that i hope you will find as interesting as i did.

the first one is a post card showing the light house at atlantic city, which was mailed in 1908.



light houses have been built and maintained for many years by the federal government, as an aid to mariners. they used to have family quarters in most of them for the light house keepers, but in the past few years many of them have been converted to automatically show the light flashing in a certain sequence, which would show and identify the location to aid ship navigators in avoiding dangerous places and also send out radio signals from some of them.

to those of us that live near the water these are old and valued friends.



the second one is a post card mailed in 1932, showing the office of the caverns of luray, located in page county in virginia.

this is a famous example of caves, and is easy to get to and fun to visit. if you have never visited a cave, take the opportunity to see it when you are in the valley of virginia.

recent press releases indicate that there is interest in spain, italy and the united states in celebrating the 500th anniversary of the landing of columbus on a bahamas island on october 12, 1492.

many of us had parents or grand parents that told us of visiting the worlds columbian exposition in chicago in 1893, and we have surely all seen examples of the quarter and half dollar coins that were struck and sold at the chicago exposition and by mail. it will be interesting to see how all of these plans work out, in light of the failure of some of the recent expositions here and abroad to even break even.

do you remember the ditty — in fourteen hundred and ninety two, columbus sailed the ocean blue — and the joke about how he set out and did not know where he was going, when he got there he did not know where he was, when he got back he did not know where he had been, and he did it all on borrowed money. . . the story sounds like those of many a modern day entrepreneur.

CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS



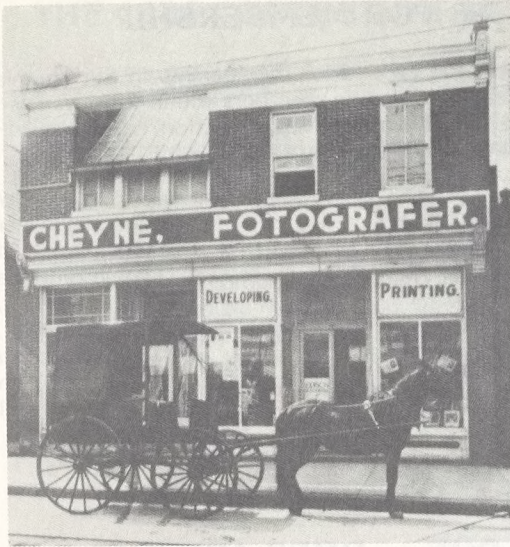
RECOMMENDED READING

Boorstin, Daniel J. *The Discoverers: A History of Man's Search To Know His World and Himself*. New York: Random House, 1983; Vintage, 1985.

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Todorov, Tzvetan. *The Conquest of America*. New York: Harper & Row, 1984.

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the most interesting picture that i saw in the exhibit of photographs of hampton taken by the older cheyne and his son from 1894 to the 1960s was one showing their own building, back in the horse and buggy days. the building is still there, next to the hampton first methodist church, on queen street, but it has been re-modeled by the present owner, john ishon.

how do you like the fonetic spelling on the sign over the entrance to the building.



hope you like my valentine and my vignettes. happy valentine day.

annie mck

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We invite you to come out and become familiar with auctions and get acquainted with other numismatists. There will be coffee and light refreshments, too.

Auction catalogs will be mailed upon request or you can stop by the offices and pick one up. This is a local auction you will not want to miss so plan to attend.

We hope to see you at the Hilton on Feb. 1st . . . the Greenbelt Hilton.

Frank and Laurese Katzen
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THE 1986 CONVENTION AND COIN SHOW

The Virginia Numismatic Association will hold its 1986 Convention and Coin Show September 26, 27 and 28, 1986 at The Hyatt Richmond in Richmond, Virginia. The Hyatt hotels are justly famed for the excellence of their accommodations, and the Hyatt Richmond is no exception. The Hyatt, which provides ample free parking, is located on the western side of Richmond at the intersection of I-64 and West Broad Street (about three miles west from I-95).

We will have sixty nine dealer tables (60 regular and 9 corner) plus space for the usual competitive exhibits. The show will also feature an auction sale conducted by Modern Coin, Inc. of Richmond.

VNA President Jim Ruehrmund is General Chairman of the show, the Bourse Chairman is Keith Littlefield, and Jim Beard is the Exhibits Chairman. Contracts for bourse tables will be sent to those on the mailing list. Additional table contracts and applications for exhibit space can be obtained from the respective chairmen.

Now is the time to mark the dates September 26, 27 and 28 on your new 1986 calendar. Plan to be with us for a great time.

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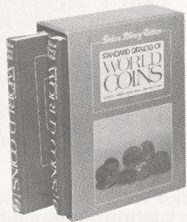


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Figure 2

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OTHER HOBBIES . . . Collecting Watches and Clocks

BULLET HOLES IN CLOCKS

by Marles Partridge, Ph.D., LL.D., I.N., J.E.S.T.

Having returned from a hunting expedition in Kenya, I was sitting in my trophy room when an old friend called inviting me to attend a lecture on clocks. In my active life as hunter, traveler, author, lecturer, and recognized authority in many scientific fields, I considered antique clock collecting to be somewhat quaint, at best. Nevertheless, I agreed to attend the lecture.

The speaker described the restoration of an old wall clock made by someone whose last name was Thomas. Near the conclusion of his talk however, he made a serious error. He opened the door of the clock, pointed to a hole in the back to the right of the pendulum and said, "Looks like .38 caliber." Well! Little did he know that I could see, even at a distance, that the hole was .45 caliber or larger. I mentioned this fact to my friend and he agreed that clock collectors are very knowledgeable about clocks but often very ignorant in other areas. It was then that I decided to enlighten my clock collecting friends.

I joined the NAWCC, and during the next six months attended every gathering possible at which clocks were displayed. I found 436 clocks having bullet holes in the back. Close examination and careful measurement gave the following results: .22 caliber — 76; .32 caliber — 87; .38 caliber — 109; .45 caliber — 147; and .50 caliber — 17. My collector friends were impressed, but suggested that those holes were put there merely to insert nails or screws to steady the clock on the wall. That, I replied, was nonsense. Why would some clocks have three, four, or sometimes five holes roughly surrounding the pendulum? The answer was bullets. How, they persisted, could there be bullet holes in the back of a clock, yet the original glass remain intact? "Simple," I replied, "the door must be open when the shots are fired." "And who fired all those shots?," they asked. "Women," I replied. Let me explain.

Life was hard in the early days and women were forced to do much heavy labor from dawn to dusk, often driven by an unsympathetic, indifferent, even cruel husband. Many broke under the strain, but many others decided to get even — by putting a bullet in the old man's back! And when could the wife be assured that the husband would be standing still, preoccupied, with his back to her, giving sufficient time to load, aim, and fire the gun? The answer is once a week, when he wound the house clock. Unfortunately, wives frequently missed their husbands and the bullets went instead through the back of the clock. Remember that a person winding a wall clock stands slightly to the left of the clock, and a hastily squeezed trigger always pulls the gun barrel to the right. That is precisely why the husbands were missed and the clocks were hit.

My clock collecting friends offered one final challenge to my findings. They wanted to know how there could be bullet holes in the center of the clock directly behind the pendulum, without the pendulum sustaining damage. I agreed that in most wall clocks the swing of the pendulum is slight, and the center of the back board is never visible, but if the swing of the pendulum is made wider, the center is briefly visible. There is one occasion when a slight swing becomes a larger one. I proved this by means of a scientific experiment.

I called five clock collectors and asked them to stop their clocks. Shortly I went to the house of each and asked each one to start his clocks. In every instance the person gave the pendulum a heavy push, making it swing in a far wider arc than normal. The center of the clock became visible and it would be simple to fire a bullet into the center of the clock, directly behind the pendulum, without the bullet damaging the pendulum in any way.

I hope my research will prove enlightening to clock collectors everywhere. There is a touch of sadness however, in the fact that the great numbers of bullet holes in clocks reveal a distressing amount of violence in the American home. The prevalence of .45 caliber holes indicates that the powerful Colt revolver in this caliber, nicknamed the "Peacemaker," was the housewife's choice, and should really be renamed the "Homewrecker."

In the meantime, gentlemen clock collectors, I urge you to be kind to your wives, and when winding your clocks, frequently look behind you.

EDITOR'S NOTE: We wish to thank the following people for the preceding article:

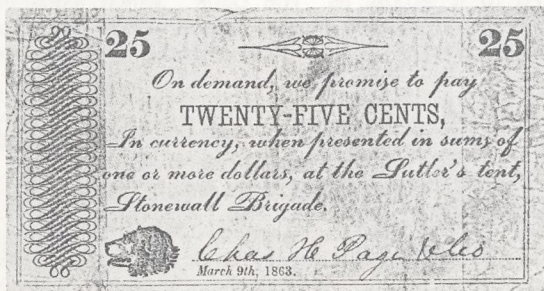
First of all, VNA member John Gearhart, who is a member of the NAWCC and loaned me the copy of their BULLETIN in which the article was printed; to Terry Casey who is the Editor of the BULLETIN, and to the authors of the article "Bullet Holes in Clocks."

The National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors is a non-profit, educational and scientific collectors organization. Further information can be obtained from NAWCC, Inc., 514 Poplar Street, Columbia, PA 17512. The BULLETIN is not a humor magazine, although they do occasionally print light articles (as does our VIRGINIA NUMISMATIST). After all, a little humor is the best medicine available, and what better time for it than in the winter time.

A NEW STONEWALL BRIGADE SUTLER NOTE

By James C. Ruehrmund

Volume I of the Affleck Catalog of The Obsolete Paper Money of Virginia lists and illustrates on page 226 a fifty cent note of March 9, 1863, payable at the Sutler's Tent, Stonewall Brigade. This note, the only denomination listed, is assigned rarity 8.



An inventory of the currency collection now in progress at the Museum of the Confederacy in Richmond has recently turned up another Stonewall Brigade Sutler Note which is of twenty five cent denomination. This note, together with a number of other assorted pieces of wartime currency, all common, was presented to the Museum in 1968 by a lady in North Carolina. Nothing further is known about its provenance.

Except for the denomination and use of a different type form for the words TWENTY-FIVE CENTS, the newly discovered note is almost exactly identical to the fifty cent denomination. It is signed Chas. H. Page & Co.

Discovery of this note indicates that further denominations probably exist. Anyone having information on such notes is urged to forward it to the Editor for inclusion in the revised Affleck catalog.

Sincere thanks are extended to Miss Charlene S. Alling, Curator of Manuscripts and Archives, of the Museum of the Confederacy for permission to publish this description of the Museum's note.

A MEDAL FOR THE DAVIS GUARD

By James C. Ruehrmund

The remarkably one-sided Confederate victory at Sabine Pass, Texas on September 8, 1863 deserves to be remembered as a prime example of what can be accomplished through bold and energetic utilization of available resources in the face of overwhelming odds. It is also of considerable numismatic interest since it inspired the presentation of medals to all of the victorious troops engaged, the only such incident during the War Between the States.

Sabine Pass, in the Texas-Louisiana border region, is a narrow waterway about five miles in length, which connects Sabine Lake with the Gulf of Mexico. In September 1863 the pass was guarded by Fort Griffin, an earth-work fortification mounting six old thirty two pounder smooth bore guns. It was garrisoned by forty three men of the Davis Guard, a Houston unit whose members are generally described as Irishmen. While it is true that most of them were natives of the Old Sod, it seems more appropriate to style them Texans of Irish extraction. In the fight of September 8th they were commanded by twenty-five year old First Lieutenant Richard W. (Dick) Dowling, a native of Ireland's County Galway.

Before the war Dick was an up-and-coming young business man, the proprietor of one of Houston's most popular saloons, which was called the Bank of Bacchus. This establishment, in addition to dispensing liquid refreshments, also cashed checks and lent money. In his newspaper ads Dick referred to it simply as "The Bank", which leads to a possible numismatic connection. Bob Medlar's book, *Texas Obsolete Notes and Scrip* lists (Houston #145) a small note with the following text:

Houston, April 4, 1864

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It seems very probable that this note was issued by Dick Dowling's saloon. Whether or not the illegible signature was Dick's is another matter. Although he was in the army in 1864, he continued to own the business, and returned to it after the war.

Let us now return to the Battle of Sabine Pass and the adventures of the Davis Guard. On September 5, 1863 eighteen transports bearing a Union force numbering about 5,000, including infantry, artillery and cavalry, departed New Orleans bound for Texas. Their commander was Major General William B. Franklin, and his assignment was to capture and occupy Sabine Pass and open the way for the occupation of the Houston area. The transports were accompanied by a naval escort of four gunboats, U.S.S. Sachem, U.S.S. Clifton, U.S.S. Arizona and U.S.S. Granite City. The naval force carried in all about four times the number of guns possessed

by the Confederates at Sabine Pass, and was commanded by Acting Volunteer Lieutenant Frederick Crocker, U.S.N.

On September 8th the invasion force steamed into the pass, led by the gunboats which opened a heavy fire on the fort. The Confederates did not reply but laid low and took it while they waited for their foes to come closer. They did not have to wait long. Both *Sachem* and *Clifton* boldly closed in to about 1000 yards to give the fort a final pounding in preparation for landing the troops. At this point Lt. Dowling gave the command to fire, and his men went to work with a will. Old though their guns were, at that range they could scarcely miss. Within minutes the *Sachem* was disabled by a shot through her boiler. Immobilized, and with numerous casualties, she hoisted a white flag and surrendered. The *Clifton*, an ex-ferry boat, had her steering gear shot away and ran aground. She then received a shot through her boiler and she too surrendered. The battle lasted for only about forty-five minutes, and ended when the remaining Union vessels hurriedly withdrew and departed for New Orleans. For the rest of the war Union forces gave Sabine Pass a wide berth.

In this affair the Confederate defenders, incredibly enough, suffered no loss whatever. Union losses amounted to about fifty killed and wounded



The Davis Guard Medal

and one hundred and fifty captured, including Lt. Crocker, the naval commander. The two captured gunboats were promptly repaired and placed in Confederate service. Their eleven heavy guns were a welcome addition to the Southern armament.

It was indeed a handsome victory. The satisfaction felt by the victors was heightened by a vote of thanks from the Confederate Congress which described their fight as "one of the most brilliant and heroic achievements in the history of this war". They were also to receive another reward of a more personal kind. Some months after the battle a group of Houston ladies resolved to create a special medal for presentation to each of the gallant defenders of Sabine Pass. Their small number made this a practical proposition, and it was accordingly done. The medals were presented on September 8, 1864, the first anniversary of the battle. This award, an

entirely unofficial one, is known as the Davis Guard Medal.

The medals were made from Mexican silver pesos with both sides smoothed off and then individual hand engraved as follows:

OBVERSE: D G in large capitol letters with a cross patte below them

REVERSE: A three-line inscription in script letters:

Sabine Pass

Sep^t 8th

1863

Both sides have a border consisting of an engraved circle about 1/8 inch in from the edge, from which pairs of oblique lines slanted to the left extend to the edge. As can be seen from the illustration, all of the engraving is very crude. The edge is engrailed in a herringbone pattern, which is the original edge of the Mexican peso. An arched strip of silver with its ends soldered to the edge forms the suspension loop.

The medal in the collection of The Museum of the Confederacy, Richmond, Virginia, which is the one presented to Dick Dowling himself, is suspended from a faded green ribbon 1/2 inch wide and about 2 1/4 inches long which is topped by a spectacular green rosette about 4 inches in diameter and woven from the same green ribbon. Museum records indicate that this ribbon is original, and, considering the Irish antecedents of the Davis Guard, the color green is certainly appropriate.

Despite the crudeness of the engraving and its entirely unofficial status, The Davis Guard Medal was an award that must have been deeply cherished by the recipients and worn proudly on appropriate occasions for the rest of their lives. For Dick Dowling this was not to be very long. At the end of the war Dick, by then a major, returned to his family and business in Houston. He undoubtedly would have made his mark in the affairs of post-war Texas, but this was not to be, for he died of yellow fever in September 1867 at the age of twenty-nine.

The Davis Guard Medal is, of course, a very great rarity. Only forty three of them were made, and probably less than ten are known today. What became of the others? Who knows? Some were probably destroyed in one way or another, some may have accompanied their owners to the grave. Others may rest unrecognized in public and private collections, and perhaps a few still lie in old trunks and dresser drawers waiting to be discovered.

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Sincere thanks to Miss Malinda S. Wyatt, Registrar of the Museum of the Confederacy, Richmond, Virginia, for providing information on the Museum's medal.

SOME OBSERVATIONS ON THE BANK OF RICHMOND ONE DOLLAR NOTES OF 1861-1862

By James C. Ruehrmund

The Bank of Richmond, organized in 1860, was located on the north side of Cary Street near Twelfth. The bank was destroyed in the evacuation fire of April 2-3, 1865. The site, once again devoted to banking, is today occupied by a portion of the corporate center of the Sovran Bank.

In 1861 and 1862 the Bank of Richmond issued a series of one dollar notes printed by Hoyer & Ludwig, and bearing the portrait of George Washington. This note is illustrated and described on page 170 of Affleck's *Obsolete Paper Money of Virginia*, which states that they bear various written and printed dates.

I recently had the opportunity to examine a group of forty four notes of this issue, which provided clues as to the dates and the number of notes issued. The dates of all of the notes were written in pen and ink except for the numerals 186, which were printed. Only three dates were represented in the group. These, together with their serial number ranges, were:

1. **1 July 1861.** 31 pieces, serial numbers 33 - 6424 "for" before "Cash" and "Pres" is printed.
2. **Nov. 1, 1861.** 2 pieces, serial numbers 6642 and 7680 "for" is printed (Illustrated).
3. **April 2, 1862.** 11 pieces, serial numbers 8274 - 11013 "for" is written.

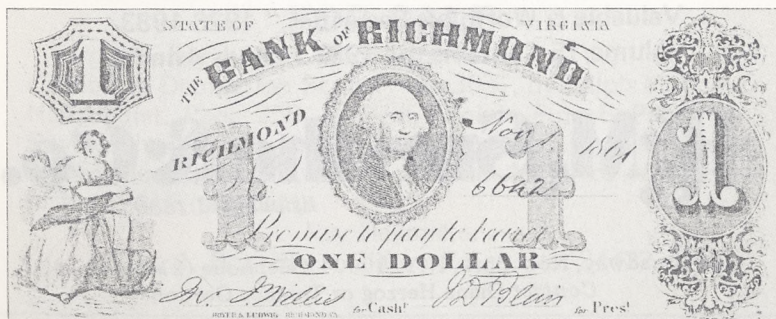
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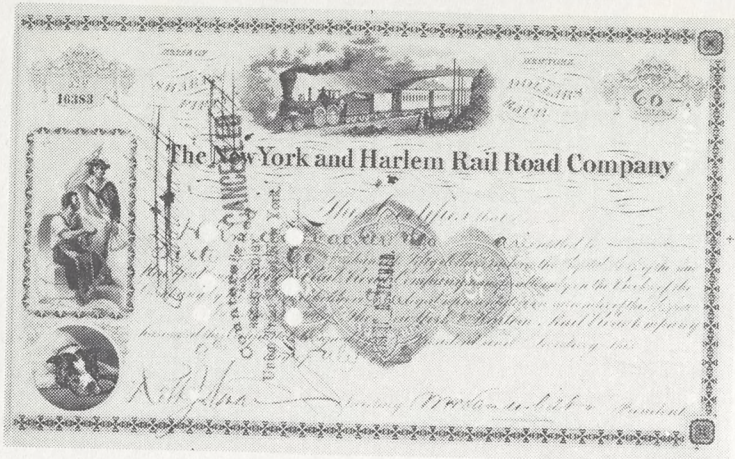
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Nov. 1, 1861. 1500 notes, Numbers 6501 - 8000

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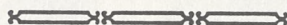
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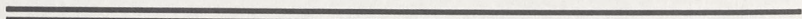
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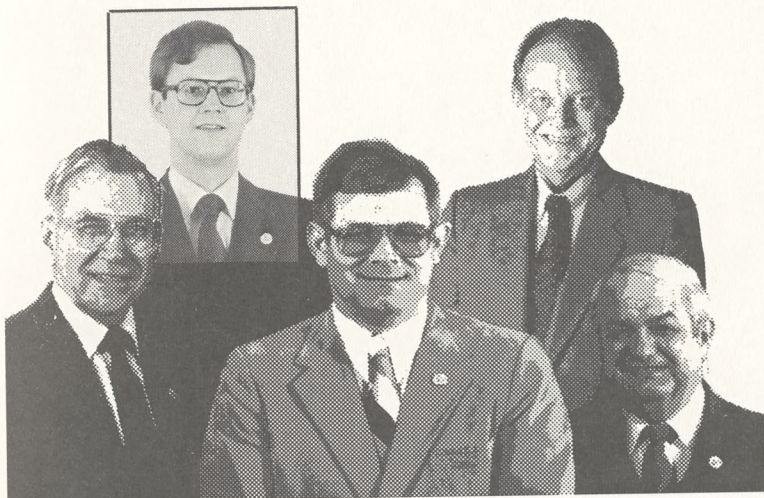
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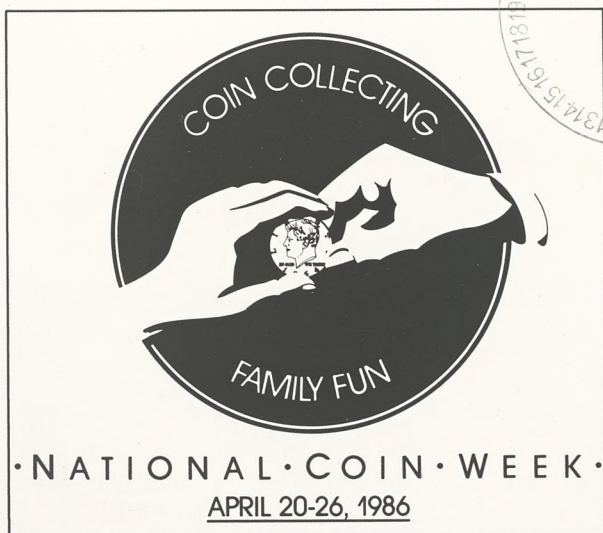
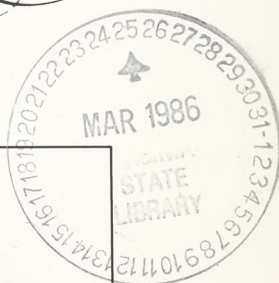
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PRESIDENT'S LETTER



It is pleasant to note that in the last issue of the Virginia Numismatist we had quite a lot of club news, both of present doings and future plans. If your club is not sending in this information, I urge that it do so. Don't forget to include the day, time and location of your meetings so that visitors can find their way to them. Inter-club visits are great fun, providing fellowship and useful ideas, not to mention enhanced opportunities for coin trading.

Back in the 50's delegations from the Richmond Coin Club and the then newly formed Tidewater Coin Club used to regularly attend each other's meetings. I have many happy memories of those trips, and hope that this good old custom will be revived.

To the Tidewater Coin Club, a special salute on the occasion of their thirtieth anniversary; may the next thirty years be as successful as the last. I had the pleasure of attending the Tidewater Club's February meeting, and noted that even though gas was much cheaper in the 50's than it is now, the advent of the Interstate and the Bridge Tunnel system have made the trip between Richmond and Tidewater a whole lot easier than it used to be.

Mark your calendars at April 24-27, for the Tidewater Coin Club's annual coin show at the Virginia Beach Pavilion.

The Shenandoah Valley Coin Club will hold its annual Coin And Stamp Show on Saturday and Sunday, March 22 and 23, at the Ingleside Hotel in Staunton, and has graciously invited the VNA Board to hold its regular meeting during the show. The Board will meet at the Ingleside at 11 a.m. on Saturday, March 22, and any VNA members who wish to attend are welcome to do so. The agenda is not yet complete, but will chiefly focus on plans for the 1986 and 1987 conventions. Anyone having matters to bring to the attention of the Board is requested to forward them to the Secretary, Mal Powell, in Hampton.

I'm still soliciting articles for the VIRGINIA NUMISMATIST. Please send in your suggestions on subjects you would find interesting, or, better still, send in an article or two on them. This is your magazine, and we print what you, the members of VNA, send in.

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DEATH OF TWO MEMBERS

We regret to report the death of a long time VNA member James Fuquay, of Danville, Virginia.

He was Charter Member No. 13, and had been active in collecting for many years.

All of his friends will miss him.

Ave Atque Vale



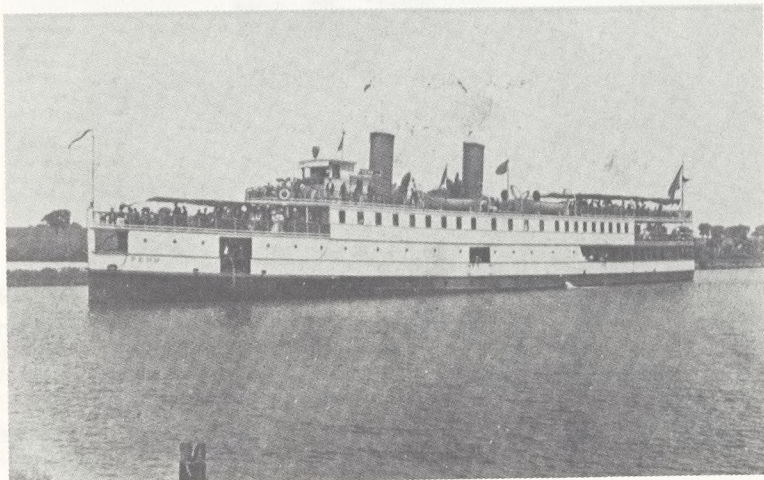
We have just learned of the death of William F. Thomas, Sr., of Pulaski, who had been a member of VNA for some time.

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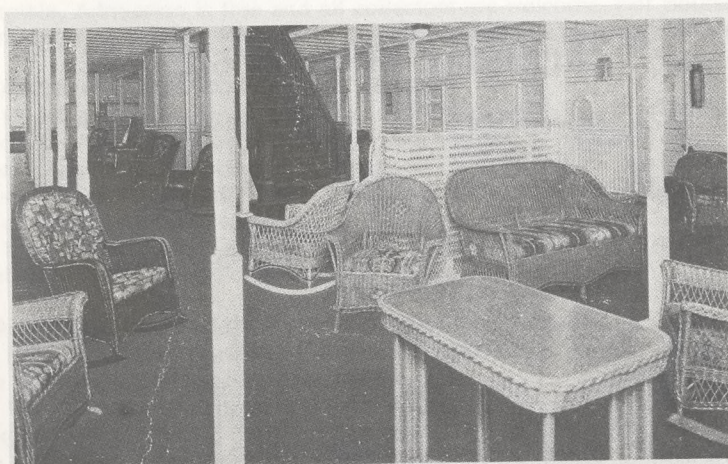
annies vignettes

by annie mckalvey

this time we have some items from the times when people traveled on ships and railroads that were powered by the force of steam.



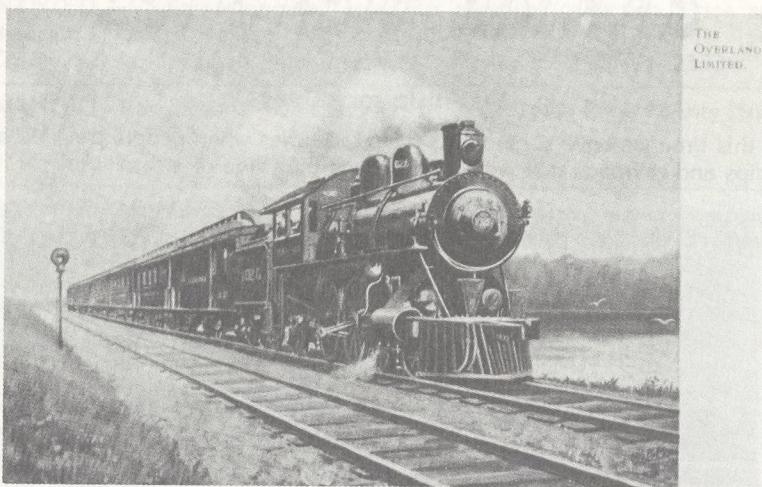
the first one is the steamer penn, on the delaware and chesapeake canal, over on the eastern shore.



SALOON OF FERRY STEAMER GOVERNOR ALBERT C. RITCHIE.

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the second one is the ferry steamer albert c. ritchie, used on the chesapeake bay.



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hope you like my vignettes.
annie mck

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Apr. 18-20	Sheraton Inn New Carrollton, MD	WMPG - Tri-Club
April 19-20	Sheraton South Nashville, Tenn.	Nashville Coin Club
April 25-27	Virginia Beach Pavilion Virginia Beach, VA	Tidewater Coin Club
June 7-8	Quality Inn, Mission Valley, Raleigh, N.C.	Raleigh Coin Club
July 19-20	Roanoke Civic Center Roanoke, VA	Roanoke Valley Coin Club

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SALEM COIN CLUB

The Salem Coin club will hold a coin show this spring on April 12 and 13, in the American Legion Building at 710 Apperson Drive, Salem, Virginia. Admission is free and all collectors are welcome. For Bourse information write: W. L. Camp, Jr., Route 2, Box 306, Fincastle, VA 24090.

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In January, Hank Schab, a member of the Colonial Club of Annapolis presented a program on "John Chalmers and His Annapolis Coins." This very interesting talk included facts, rumors, sex, scandal and an interesting history of John Chalmers. Mr. Schab made it more interesting by being dressed in a Colonial costume.

Scheduled for the February meeting was a talk by Frank Katen on the subject of "Broad sides". That should be a good one to hear.

SHENANDOAH VALLEY COIN CLUB

Featured at the February meeting were door prizes, a business meeting, an auction and refreshments.

Plans are being completed for the Annual Coin Show to be held at the Ingleside Motel on US 11-N, on March 22 and 23.

As always, all collectors are made welcome.

The Club has also extended an invitation to The Virginia Numismatic Association to hold the VNA Spring Board meeting there on Saturday, March 2nd.

VIRGINIA PENINSULA COIN CLUB

The Annual Banquet and the Installation of Officers was held in February. The dinner was buffet style, and was followed by an interesting talk by VNA President James Ruehrmund, on the subject of "Emergency Money."

After the delicious dinner, the officers for the new year were installed: President - Norman Strock; Vice Pres. - James Jowarski; Secretary - Bunky Garfield; Treas. - Rick Garfield; and Sgt-At-Arms - Harry Fitzgerald.

KENT COIN CLUB

Our friends over on the Eastern Shore keep busy all year round. Featured at the January meeting were short talks and show and tell presentations.

Scheduled for the February meeting was a Valentine's Party — a fun time for all attending.

New Committee Chairmen have been appointed, they will be working on plans for the new year with the members of their committees.

TIDEWATER COIN CLUB

Plans are well under way for the Annual Coin And Stamp Show to be held at the Virginia Beach Pavilion, at Virginia Beach, on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, April 25th to 27th.

All collectors are invited to attend — there will be a good selection of materials available to look at and buy, lots of friendly people to chat with, and plenty of free parking space.

VNA President Jim Ruehrmund was the speaker at the February meeting of the Club.

The members were sad to hear of the death of past president Jimmy Boyle — he will be missed by all his many friends. We also wish to express our sympathy to his wife and family.

New Club Officers for the coming year are: Pres. - Charles Fiefield; Vice-Pres. - Tory Failmecger; Secretary - Malcolm Gutterman; Treas. - John A. Rausch and Sgt-At-Arms - John Cummisk.

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Sessions 1, Friday evening, September 26, 1986, will feature uncirculated U.S. coins.

Session 2, Saturday evening, September 27, 1986 will feature circulated U.S. coins and foreign coins.

The closing date for consignments to the sale is August 1, 1986. Anyone wishing to consign material, or needing further information should contact:

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NEW FINDS

By Page Mann

In the past few months, I have picked up a number of CARDBOARD tokens. These types would make a nice collection, because of the many different colors.

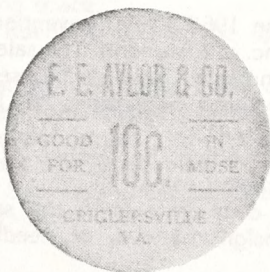
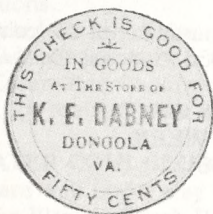
Cardboard tokens were not used by merchants very long. Unlike metal

tokens, the cardboard tokens were too easily destroyed. The merchants found out that they cost more, in the long run.

The only cardboard tokens listed in VIRGINIA TOKENS are round. They come in many different colors and, all I have seen, have black lettering.

Most run about the size of a U.S. quarter to that of a silver dollar. These fit nicely in 2x2 coin holders. I usually put the larger ones in a plastic flip and insert white paper in the back with the identifying information I normally use.

The following are unlisted denominations from sets already listed in VIRGINIA TOKENS by David Schenkman:



E.E. AYLOR & CO./GOOD/FOR/10¢/IN/MDSE./CRIGLERSVILLE/VA.
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Red Crdboard, 45mm

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(blank)

Yellow Cardboard, 38mm

Same as Above, but 10¢ - white cardboard, 38mm

J. H. ENGLISH/GOOD FOR/5¢/IN MDSE./UNION HALL, VA.
(blank)

Yellow Cardboard, 38mm

The following seven-piece set I picked up at a Richmond flea market. The dealer told me he had a water bucket full, but he would not come down on his price.

THIS CHECK IS GOOD FOR/IN GOODS/AT THE STORE OF/K. E.
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Blue cardboard, 36mm

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Same as Above, but Fifty Cents, White Cardboard, 36mm

Same as Above, but One Dollar, Light Orange, 36mm

Same as Above, but Two Dollars, Gray, 36mm

Same as Above, but Five Dollars, Lavender, 36mm

In checking through VIRGINIA TOKENS, I find that there are quite a few merchants that used cardboard tokens. They are: J. M. Utz, Aylor; J. N. Aylor, Banco; E. E. Aylor, Criglersville; C. P. Wightman, Edinburg; G. H. Kent, Kent's Store; (there are 22 listed from Kent's Store); Watkins & Derieux, Lottsburg; D. W. C. Osso, VA. (Daniel W. Coakley); C. B. B., Stratford (C. B. Belfield); J. H. English, Union Hall; J. J. Barron, Viewtown; W. C. Whitacre, Whitacre; Bowmans Department Store, Woodstock, VA.

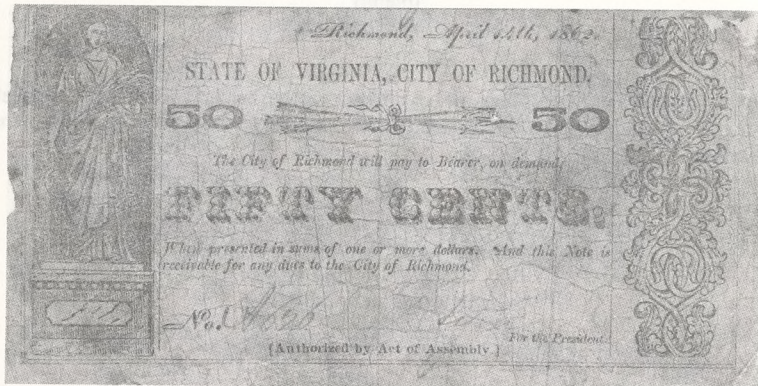
One of the rarest transportation tokens from Virginia is also cardboard: CHARLOTTESVILLE AND UNIVERSITY/GOOD ONLY/FOR CHILDREN GOING TO OR COMING/FROM SCHOOL/R. P. VALENTINE/PREST./STREET RAILWAY. This is cream colored and 27mm. They were used in the 1890's, and sold for three dollars per hundred. Anyone have an extra?

Another unlisted set I have is from (BERKLEY, VA.). F. L. PORTLOCK. It comes in a 2, 4, 6, 10, 20 and 30 cents. If anyone has any different denominations, please let me know.

TODAY'S DOLLAR DOESN'T BUY AS MUCH AS IT USED TO!

By Walter R. Mason, Jr., Esquire

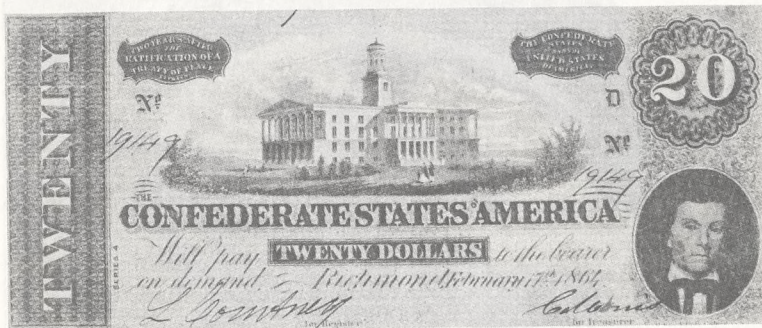
I was sitting home the other day bemoaning the value of today's dollar. It doesn't buy as much as it used to and the folks in charge in Washington still keep right on printing the paper — we just don't get enough on our side of the street. I wondered if this was new to our Nation — then I found two notes that said a loud NO.



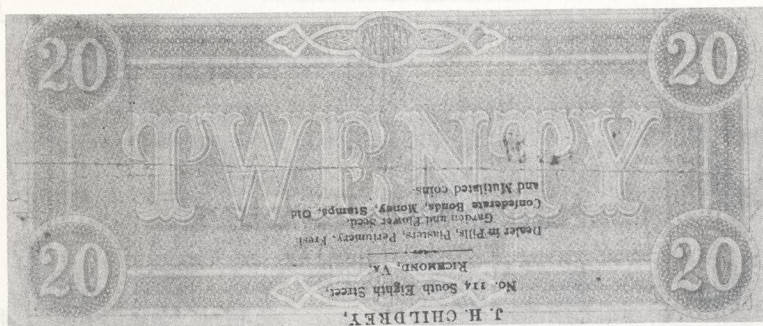
The first note of 50¢, April 14, 1862, State of Virginia, City of Richmond, is a common note, and also well used. When the Great Conflict was over this note became worthless as money because the Carpet Baggers wouldn't allow our forefathers to use them any more. A fellow named Caskie G. Burch used these notes to advertise his business and also to show his new address. I know this was done a long time ago — notice the language — "We announce our Removal to" — yes sir, a real gentleman of the State of Virginia. He was a dealer in Bonds and Stocks and was located in downtown Richmond. He also told us this note was a souvenir of The War Between the States.



The next note is a genuine \$20 Confederate States of America issue. It too was used to advertise a business on the back of the note. This fellow also was located in Richmond, Va., at 114 South Eighth Street, a J. H. Childrey.



Mr. Childrey must have been a very ambitious man. He advertised that he was a dealer in Pills, Plasters, Perfumery, Fresh Garden and Flower seed, as well as Confederate Bonds, Money, Stamps, and Old and Mutilated Coins.



I have no idea if this fellow is still in business, although at coin shows I see people selling items like Mr. Childrey had.

Since in the beginning I mentioned that my money didn't go far enough, maybe I should go into business. It shouldn't cost too much — just a couple hundred one dollar Federal Reserve notes (very little value there), then get a friendly printer I know to print advertising on the back, then stand on the corner and pass them out. It might work. What do you think?



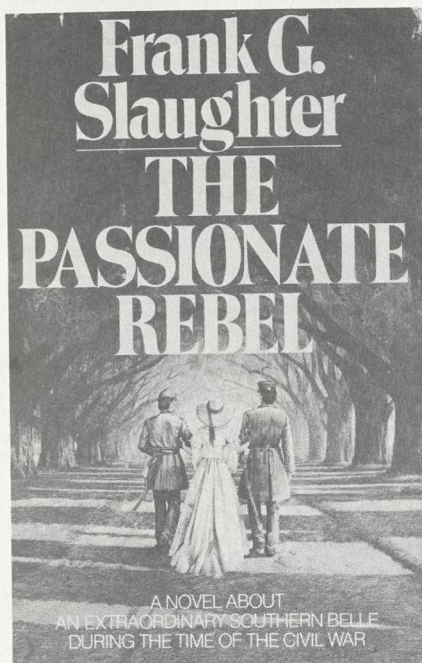
“THE PASSIONATE REBEL”

Book by Frank G. Slaughter

When Countess Maritza LeClerc sailed into Mobile harbor at the start of the Civil War, she possessed the sophistication of Paris and the renegade spirit of Dixie. Her cargo was a shipload of smuggled arms, and her baggage carried a set of wartime press credentials — plus a loaded derringer.

A southerner by birth, Maritza returned from France to observe the war with the impartial eye of a journalist, and little expected to become so deeply embroiled in the passions and the politics — and the dangers — of the struggle. Yet she could not resist the challenge of spying for the Confederacy under cover of her reporting. The twofold mission would take her both North and South: into the social circles of Washington and the suspicious gaze of the Union Secret Service; into the Battle of Bull Run and the accusation of fraternizing with the enemy; into Yankee-occupied New Orleans and the martial law of a corrupt and sadistic general.

Amid the espionage there is still time for romance. Two persistent



lovers — one a Confederate intelligence officer, the other a daring blockade runner — woo this exceptional beauty, hoping to lure her away from her perilous commitment. But the young countess' adventures have made her realize that she is as much in love with intrigue as she is with love itself.

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Frank Slaughter is a medical doctor, as well as a Civil War historian and Bible scholar. He is one of the most popular and prolific authors of our time.

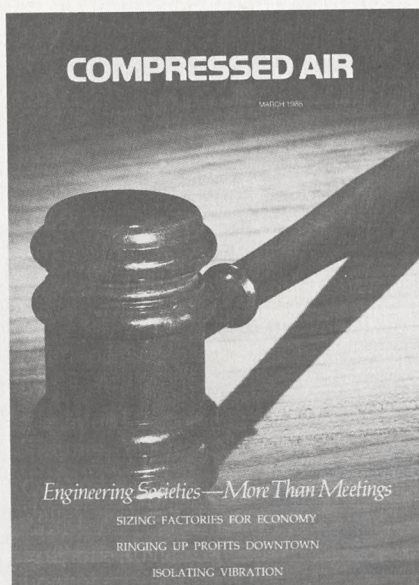
We are indebted to VNA member Walter L. Mason, Jr., for bringing this to our attention.

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A SCATTERING OF COINS

By James C. Ruehrmund

Lent is fast approaching which means that in New Orleans they are preparing to usher it in with their annual carnival. The celebration will include parades featuring decorated floats from which members of the carnival organizations will throw coins to the spectators. These coins, called doubloons, and manufactured especially for the celebration, are made of aluminum anodized in bright colors. New and appropriate designs are prepared every year. It is interesting to note this survival in our country of a custom that can be traced back to ancient times.

Coins have long been regarded as symbols of prosperity and plenty, and also perhaps as valuable objects of a convenient small size which can be used to purchase popularity. In any event, the scattering of coins or medals to the crowd was a feature of festive occasions at least as early as the time of the Roman Empire. The Emperor Caligula (reigned A.D. 37-41) is reported to have for several days in succession scattered large sums of money from the roof of the Julian Basilica. It is also said that he occasionally, out of sheer meanness, had some of the coins heated red hot. Nero (A.D. 54-68), who is also remembered for his extravagance, not only scattered coins but also tokens which could be redeemed for valuable prizes including jewels, works of art, ships and pieces of real estate.

After the fall of Rome, Europe in the Dark Ages must have seen very little coins scattering, for coin was in short supply. No doubt it was still practiced on occasion, although not on a scale approaching Nero's, by the Byzantine emperors in Constantinople. The custom picked up again in Medieval times, especially in connection with coronations.

In the sixteenth century Spain acquired unprecedented wealth in precious metals from the mines in her American colonies. Some of the silver was used to strike special coins and medals which were scattered to the crowds in the cities of Spain and Spanish America at the time of proclamation of a new king.

The scattering of silver medals to the spectators was once a part of the English coronation ceremony in Westminster Abbey. Samuel Pepys was present at the coronation of King Charles II on April 23, 1661. He noted in his diary that at the conclusion of the ceremony, "A General Pardon also

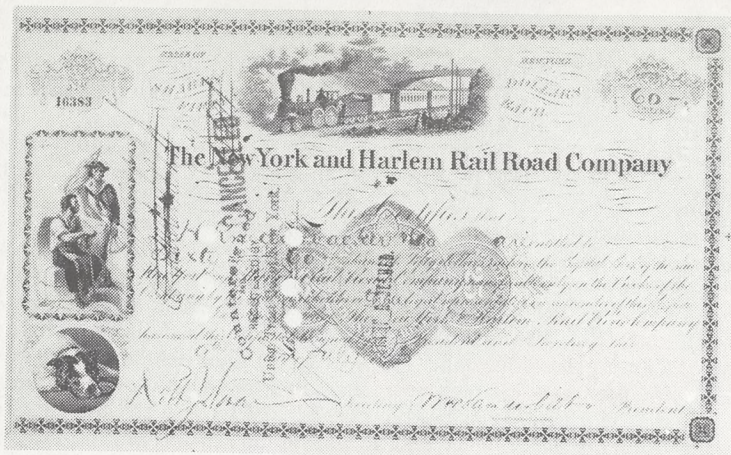
was read by the Lord Chancellor, and meddalls flung up and down by my Lord Cornwallis, of silver, but I could not come by any". Sam probably failed to get a "meddall" because he did not want to risk spoiling his fine new clothes. The wild scramble for the medals often degenerated into outright brawling, and finally led to the abandonment of this feature of the ceremony.

Although discontinued at coronations, the custom is still observed in England at Rye in Sussex. A new mayor is installed there each year, and it is traditional for him to throw hot new pennies from the window of the town hall to a crowd of children. This event made the news in 1957 when the town authorities discovered that the 360 new pennies they had obtained for the ceremony were all dated 1951. Only 120,000 pennies were struck in 1951, and the retail price for an uncirculated one even then was about a dollar. A special meeting was held to decide what to do with the coins, but what the outcome was I never heard. The demise of the old large penny has, I hope, led the town fathers to substitute some other coin rather than abandon the tradition.

At weddings in Turkey it is still the custom to throw coins, not rice, at the bride and groom, and guests who catch a coin keep it for luck. For many years the preferred coins were the brass 1 and 2½ kurus pieces issued between 1947 and 1951. These coins have a center hole through which small bits of ribbon of various colors were tied. The color of the ribbon was supposed in some way to foretell the future of the person who caught the coin. For years after these coins had ceased to be issued banks kept small stocks of them on hand to be doled out to favored customers for use at weddings. Now-a-days the old brass coins with holes have disappeared from the scene. Currency devaluations made their metal value greater than their face value, and most of them ended up being used as washers. The coins used now are the current small value aluminum pieces.

So, if you go to New Orleans for Mardi Gras and manage to catch a doubloon, or catch instead a few bruises or a black eye for your trouble, bear in mind that, either way, you will be participating in an ancient and time honored rite.





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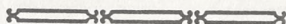
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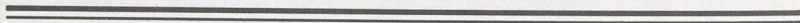
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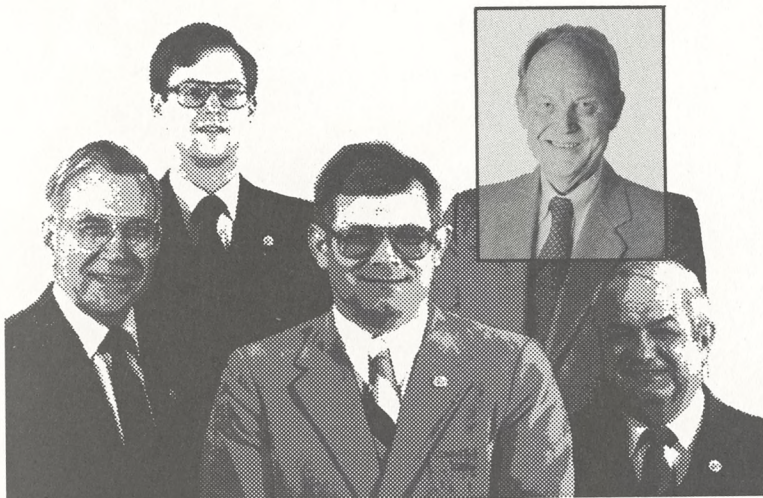
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PRESIDENT'S LETTER



Preparations for the 1986 Convention continue to move forward, and table sales are going well. If you are thinking of taking a table, don't wait until it's too late, but contact Bourse Chairman Keith Littlefield now for a contract. Persons in Richmond and vicinity can also obtain table contracts from Jerry Schmidt at Imperial Coins or from me.

Tickets for the Convention Raffle are now available, and sales have commenced. At the suggestion of Mal Powell the main prizes this year will be two Statue of Liberty gold sets, one proof and one uncirculated, both of which have

been received. The excitement which these sets are generating will, I expect, considerably increase interest in the raffle. Price of the tickets will be the same as in past years: \$1 each or three for \$2. Ticket books can be obtained by writing to VNA, P.O. Box 353, Hampton, Va. 23669.

Modern Coin Auctions, Inc. of Richmond is soliciting consignments of material for the Convention auction sale. Check the notice which appears elsewhere in this issue.

For those who have not already heard the news, the American Numismatic Association has tentatively scheduled its 1990 Midwinter Show for Norfolk, Va. As far as I can recall, this will be the first ANA show ever held in Virginia, and it promises to be a truly memorable event.

With warm regards,

Sincerely
Jim Ruehrmund
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Scheduled programs are: April - Charles Hoskins, INS Authentication Bureau; May - Auction; June - Numismatic interests of members; July - Tokens; August - Auction; September - Second hobbies of members; October - Currency in the collection of the Museum of the Confederacy by Jim Ruehrmund; November - Donated auction for the Club, and December - Dinner Meeting.

TIDEWATER COIN CLUB

The Tidewater Coin Club held their 30th Annual Coin and Stamp-A-Rama at the Virginia beach Pavilion on April 25th to 27th. Members and dealers were pleased with the results and customers had a variety of materials from which to select.

There is always plenty of free parking for the show and collectors are always made welcome.

VIRGINIA PENINSULA COIN CLUB

Regular programs are held each month for the Virginia Peninsula Coin Club, in the library of the War Memorial Museum, on Warwick Boulevard in Newport News. Visitors are made welcome.

KENT COIN CLUB

Our friends over on the Eastern Shore have been busy with their monthly meetings, National Coin Week and plans for their Annual Coin Show, to be held at the Sheraton Inn, in Dover, Delaware. They plan to hold their annual picnic on Sunday, June 1st, and the Coin Show on Sunday, September 28th.

SHENANDOAH VALLEY COIN CLUB

The Club held their Annual Show at the Ingleside Hotel in March, holds monthly meetings in Fishersville, and made plans to observe National Coin Week in April. Visitors are made welcome.

SALEM COIN CLUB

The Club held their Show at the American Legion Building in Salem in April, and made plans for National Coin Week.

MIDDLE ATLANTIC NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

Mrs. Laurese Byrd Katen has been appointed to be the Editor of THE MANA JOURNAL, the official publication of the Middle Atlantic Numismatic Association. She asks for your help with material for future issues. She is a very nice and very capable Lady, and we wish her luck. Please try to help her all you can.

The MANA Convention will be held at the Adams Mark Hotel, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on October 17 to 19. All collectors are invited to attend.

WASHINGTON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

Programs scheduled for the last several months at the Washington Numismatic Society were: A talk by Frank Katen on BROADSIDES: A talk by Jim Peed on the process of issuing a coin or medal from the artist's viewpoint, and a talk by Dr. Angelita Ganzon de Legarda on "Oddities and Rarities in Philippine Coinage."

1986 NATIONAL COIN WEEK

Our thanks to the members and clubs that celebrated 1986 National Coin Week in Virginia, April 20-26, 1986.

The theme: Coin Collecting - Family Fun, was a very good one, that many of us have liked through the years, and have tried to do with our own families. We do really think that it is FUN, and try to keep it that way, and hope that you all will think that way, too.

1986 AUCTION SALE

The auction sale at the 1986 VNA Convention will be conducted by Modern Coin Auctions, Inc., of Richmond. The sale will be held at the Convention site, the Richmond Hyatt Hotel, in two sessions.

Session 1, Friday evening, September 26, 1986, will feature uncirculated U.S. coins.

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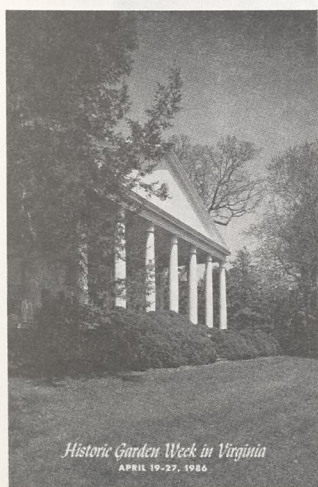
by annie mckalvey

this time i have three entirely different things that really interested me, and i hope that you all will like them too.

these are shown with the smallest one first, and the other two in increasing sizes.



the first one is a first day cover from alexandria, virginia, dated may 11, 1949, and was sent to me by my friend, mister walt mason. he and his lovely wife have always been very kind to me and to my little brother, from the first time we met them at a vna convention, years ago.



every april i try to see some of the beautiful houses that are opened to the public during garden week in virginia. the owners of these homes go to a lot of work and expense to be able to share them this way, and i appreciate it a lot. the ones i have seen ranged from small to large, and were all enjoyable in different ways.

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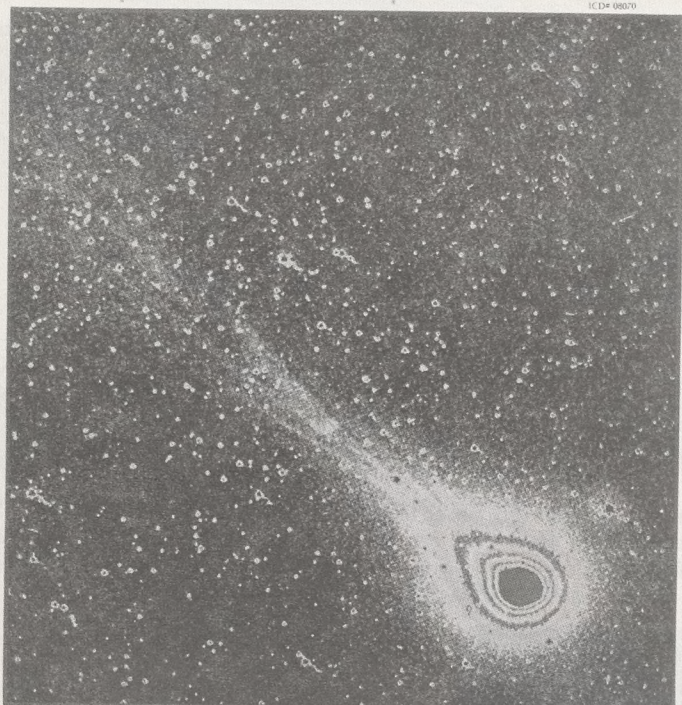
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there are other pictures of the comet inside the magazine, and i figured that for the two dollars plus the sales tax i could look at these professional pictures a lot of times and enjoy them a lot.

hope you like my vignettes,
annie mck

THE TOKENS OF R. CHAMBERLAINE

By David E. Schenkman, V.N.A. 69

For those with an interest in nineteenth century numismatic items from the state of Virginia, the field of obsolete notes is a vast and diverse one. The collector has many possibilities for specialization — county notes, merchant scrip, Virginia Treasury notes, city and town notes, and obsolete bank notes; all are fertile areas with much potential.

The collector of nineteenth century Virginia tokens has much less from which to choose. The book, *A Catalogue of U.S. Store Cards or Merchants Tokens* by Donald M. Miller, long the standard reference on the subject, lists only sixty one varieties of tokens, issued by some eighteen merchants. Although my book, *Virginia Tokens*, published by the Virginia Numismatic Association in 1980, includes many nineteenth century tokens not listed by Miller, the total number is still tiny in comparison with the number of paper notes known to exist.

The tokens of Richard Chamberlaine, a Norfolk merchant and oyster packer, are avidly sought and highly prized by token collectors, and for good reason. Even the so-called "common" type is quite scarce, and most varieties are extremely rare. Also, Chamberlaine's tokens, which were struck by the Boston, Massachusetts die sinker Joseph H. Merriam, are undoubtedly among the most attractive and well struck of all Virginia tokens.

Details regarding Chamberlaine's business are sparse. An 1851-52 Norfolk directory lists an R. H. Chamberlaine as a cashier for the Farmer's Bank; his residence was 135 E. Main Street. A few years later he established a banking house at 4 West Main Street, under the name R. H. Chamberlaine and Sons.

Whether R. H. Chamberlaine and Richard Chamberlaine are one and the same person has not been ascertained; it is possible that R. H. was Richard's father. In directories of the 1860s Richard is listed as a merchant. After 1870 his occupation is given as oyster packer and shipper. During this period the address of his business was 93 East Main Street.

In the 1880s the oyster packing firm, now known as Chamberlaine and Company, was located at Chamberlaine's Wharf. Great, I thought while searching through the various mercantile directories in my library; Chamberlaine now had "and Company" after his name, and also a wharf of his own, so business certainly must have been good. This theory notwithstanding, Chamberlaine's name disappeared from Norfolk directories during the next decade.

There is no monetary denomination expressed on R. Chamberlaine's tokens, an indication that they were issued as business cards and advertising tokens. Only one obverse die was cut; it has his name at the top, a large star in the center, and the town name, Norfolk, at the bottom. Why then are there so many reverse varieties, when one type would have served the purpose nicely. To understand the answer to this question we must discuss the manufacturer of the tokens, and also touch on the numismatic climate of the period.

Joseph H. Merriam is considered by most numismatists to be Boston's foremost die sinker of the nineteenth century. According to his advertisements, Merriam's business was established in 1850. However his earliest *Boston Directory* listing is 1854; directories prior to that year do

not show his name at all. This suggests that he was located in another city prior to that date. Another possibility is that he purchased an existing business which had been established in 1850. From a numismatic standpoint this detail is not important, since Merriam's die sinking activities didn't start until the late 1850s. From then through the late 1860s he struck a variety of tokens and medals, all of which are well designed and of high quality. About 1870 Merriam's business was purchased by W. C. Brigham and Company of Boston.

During the 1860s and 1870s there were many avid collectors of merchant tokens. To satisfy their demand for rare varieties, some numismatists cultivated the friendship of die sinkers and prevailed upon them to strike "mules" in very limited numbers. (For the benefit of the uninitiated, a "mule" is a token or medal struck with two dies not intended for each other.) The collector would visit his die sinker, examine the dies he had cut to manufacture tokens, select suitable ones and create various exotic combinations. This explains why some of Chamberlaine's tokens have on their reverses the advertisements of Boston merchants.

The result of such shenanigans was instant rarity! A numismatist might have as little as five or ten (or even fewer) examples of each variety struck. This quantity would suit his purposes nicely; one specimen was placed in his own collection, while the remainder could be traded with other collectors (who very likely were using as trading material tokens **they** had caused to be manufactured). Everyone was happy; the die sinker made a little extra money, and many collections were enriched.

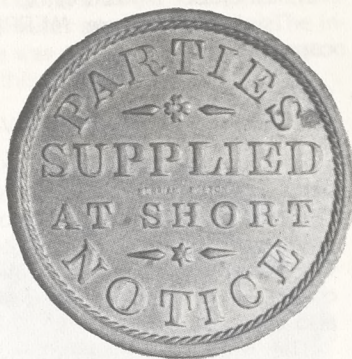
I said everyone was happy, but that statement is not completely true. Trying to unravel the resulting numismatic puzzles surrounding such issues has caused many frustrations for collectors of our time. To compound the problem, some of Merriam's tokens were "muled" with dies cut by another die-sinker, John Adams Bolen of Springfield, Massachusetts. These "mules" were undoubtedly struck at a later date, probably in the 1870s. Bolen's own notes (written in 1904) reveal that he sold three of his dies, including the two Washington types described as numbers 9 and 10 in this article, to A. R. McCoy, a collector from New York. Evidently McCoy also acquired some Merriam dies, and struck tokens using various combinations of Bolen and Merriam dies.

The following descriptive listing of all known varieties of R. Chamberlaine tokens includes appropriate comments. To facilitate cross referencing, Miller catalog numbers are given for those varieties he listed. Catalog numbers from *Virginia Tokens* are also given, preceded by the letter 'S'. Other catalogs are referenced when appropriate.

- 1a** obv: R.CHAMBERLAINE, / (large star) / NORFOLK.
rev: PARTIES / SUPPLIED / AT SHORT / NOTICE (the die sinker's signature, MERRIAM BOSTON, is in tiny letters below the word SUPPLIED)
copper, 27mm (S3680-Pb)

- 1b** Same as 1a
tin, 27mm (S3680-Pa; Miller Va. 9)

Although scarce, 1b is by far the most commonly encountered



1a, 1b

Chamberlaine token, and therefore we must assume it to be the variety he actually used. The metal is described by many catalogers as white metal; however, Merriam referred to it as tin, and I don't presume to know more than he. Only one specimen of 1a is known. I discovered it nearly twenty five years ago while living in Norfolk. The "Parties Supplied At Short Notice" die was also used to strike some tokens issued by Boston merchants. This is not unusual; it was cheaper for a merchant to utilize an existing die for the reverse of his token than to have a new die cut.

- 2** obv: R. CHAMBERLAINE, / (large star) / NORFOLK.
 rev: (blank)
 tin, 27mm (S3680-Q; Miller Va. 12)

I have never seen an example of this variety. Supposedly only two specimens were struck. If it actually exists, it is difficult to imagine why it was made, unless as a die trial.



3a, 3b

- 3a** obv: R. CHAMBERLAINE, / (large star) / NORFOLK.

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rev: APOLLO. / (head of Apollo facing right; below it the die
sinker's signature, MERRIAM BOSTON, in tiny letters)
copper, 27 mm

- 3b Same as 3a
tin, 27mm (S3680-Ra; Miller Va. 11)

Just when you think you've seen everything, something new appears. I was unaware of the existence of 3a until the Auctions by Bowers and Merena, Inc. sale of March 25-26, 1985, where it was offered as lot 1819. After spirited bidding it was purchased by this writer for \$357.50. Surely Merriam never, in his wildest dreams, could have imagined how desirable his work would become! 3b is also a very rare token.

The "Apollo" die was intended for the reverse of a Boston merchant's store card; see the description which follows.



4

- 4 obv: R. CHAMBERLAINE, / (large star) / NORFOLK.
rev: APOLLO GARDENS / 576 / WASHINGTON ST. / GOOD
FOR / 6 / CENTS / HESS & SPEIDEL
tin, 27 mm (S3680-S; Miller Massachusetts 14)

What a strange (idiotic might be a better choice of words) muling this is. The Apollo Gardens, located in Boston, was operated by Charles Hess and Leopold Speidel as a restaurant and billiard saloon. The intended die combination for the Apollo Gardens die was the "Apollo" die described previously. Tokens such as this indicate the extremes to which the practice of muling unrelated dies was carried in the 1860s and 1870s. As with all Chamberlaine mules, this one is quite rare.

- 5 obv: R. CHAMBERLAINE, / (large star) / NORFOLK.
rev: LADIES SALOON. / 81 / COURT ST.
tin, 27mm (S3680-T)

This variety is listed in Malcolm Storer's book, *Numismatics of Massachusetts*, as number 518. I have never seen a specimen. The intended use of the "Ladies Saloon" die was as the reverse for a Boston merchant's token (see variety 11 of this listing).



6

- 6 obv: R. CHAMBERLAINE, / (large star) / NORFOLK.
 rev: ABRAHAM LINCOLN / (beardless bust facing right; MERRIAM
 below in tiny letters) / BORN FEB. 12. 1809.
 tin, 27mm (S3680-U; Miller Va. 13A)

The Lincoln die was cut by Merriam for striking an 1860 presidential campaign token. It was "muled" with several other Merriam dies. This one, which is listed in Robert P. King's *Lincoln in Numismatics* as number 597, is excessively rare. I have been told that a specimen struck in copper exists, but have never been able to document this.



7

- 7 obv: R. CHAMBERLAINE, / (large star) / NORFOLK.

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rev: MADE FROM COPPER / TAKEN FROM / THE RUINS OF /
THE / TURPENTINE WORKS / NEWBERN / N.C. /
DESTROYED BY THE / REBELS / MARCH 14. 1862. (the die
sinker's name, MERRIAM, is in tiny letters below the word
REBELS)

copper, 28mm (S3680-V; Miller Va. 13)

In March, 1862, Brig. Gen. Ambrose E. Burnside led an amphibious foray into the North Carolina Sounds from Hatteras Inlet. He captured Roanoke Island, Elizabeth City, New Bern, and Fort Macon during this movement, thus giving the Union forces control of nearly all the North Carolina coast line. During the Confederates' retreat, Colonel S. B. Spruill of the 19th Regiment, N.C. State Troops, received orders to burn all the cotton and Naval stores in New Bern; this was carried out during the retreat.

Several Massachusetts infantry regiments were involved in the battle, and it is reasonable to assume that a member of one of these units took a piece of copper as a souvenir and later had Merriam cut the "Turpentine Works" die. Tokens were struck using this die in conjunction with (in addition to the Chamberlaine die), the "Apollo" die, the "Hess & Speidel" die, the "Lincoln" die, and the three "Washington" dies described later in this article. Probably the first tokens struck, those utilizing copper taken from the Turpentine Works, are those with the Lincoln die.

Note that the token listed above is 28mm, as are a few of the other Chamberlaine varieties. These were struck later than the 27mm tokens, possibly to the order of A. R. McCoy. As suggested above, it is improbable that this token actually was made with copper taken from the ruins of the Turpentine Works. Nonetheless, it is a fascinating and very rare token.



8

- 8 obv: R. CHAMBERLAINE, / (large star) / NORFOLK.
rev: WASHINGTON (bust facing right, within wreath; the die

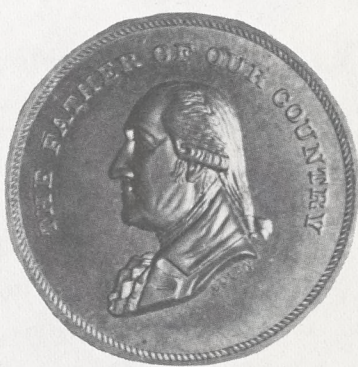
sinker's initial 'M' is below the bust)
tin, 27mm (S3680-W; Miller Va. 10; Baker 525)

This Washington die was utilized by Merriam on the reverse of his own advertising token, the obverse of which says JOS. H. MERRIAM / MEDALIST / DIE SINKER / AND / LETTER CUTTER / ESTABLISHED 1850 / NO. 18 / BRATTLE SQUARE / BOSTON, MASS. The Washington die was also used in striking tokens for several other merchants.



9

- 9 obv: R. CHAMBERLAINE, / (large star) / NORFOLK.
rev: WASHINGTON / (bust facing left; J. A. BOLEN in tiny letters below)
tin, 28mm (S3680-X; Baker 526a)



10a, 10b

- 10a obv: R. CHAMBERLAINE, / (large star) / NORFOLK.

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rev: THE FATHER OF OUR COUNTRY / (bust of Washington facing left; BOLEN in tiny letters below)
copper, 28mm (S3680-Yb)

- 10b** Same as 10a
tin, 28mm (S3680-Ya; Baker 526)

The catalog numbers from W. S. Baker's *Medallic Portraits of Washington* are given for varieties 8, 9, and 10 above. Varieties 9 and 10, probably made to the order of A. R. McCoy of New York in the 1870s, are extremely rare; 10a, in the collection of this writer, is possible unique.

- 11** obv: R. CHAMBERLAINE, / (large star) / NORFOLK.
rev: B. S. WRIGHT & CO / (blank in center, except for MERRIAM in tiny letters) / BOSTON
tin, 27mm (S3680-Z)

I have not seen this variety; it is listed as number 812 in Malcolm Storer's *Numismatics of Massachusetts*, which was published in 1923. Benjamin S. Wright & Company's oyster house is listed in my 1865 Boston directory at 81 Court Street. The proper die combination for B. S. Wright & Co.'s token is the reverse of variety 11 and the reverse of variety 5.

This completes our discussion and catalog of Richard Chamberlaine's tokens. Is the list complete? Perhaps so, but I wouldn't be very surprised if a previously unknown die combination surfaced sometime in the future. That possibility certainly adds much to the excitement and challenge of collecting tokens.

A MOST UNCOMMON COMMON NOTE

By Jim Ross, VNA#162

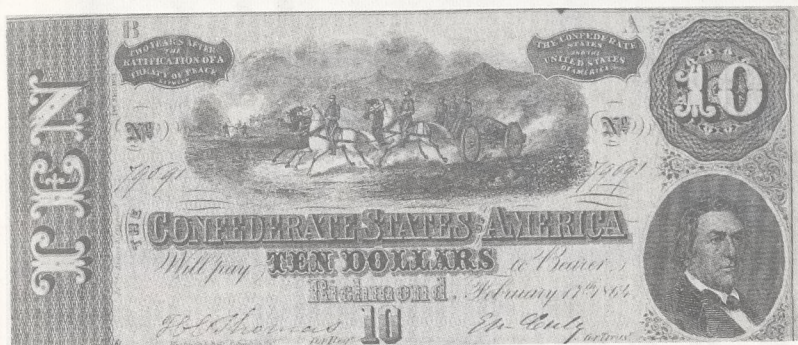
Confederate notes issued during 1864 exceeded previous years by almost astronomical proportions. Not only were authorized amounts exceeded and actually issued, but vast amounts were printed, and never issued. Consequently, many thousands of notes have survived, and most "type" notes of 1864 are commonly available in nice condition at modest prices.

The \$10 note of 1864 (Criswell T68) discussed herein is very common. Most collectors, and non-collectors alike, would relate to these notes instantly.

Books by Wm. W. Bradbeer and Philip H. Chase, and an article by H. D. Allen, describe this note as "Field Artillery in Action, R. M. T. Hunter at Right." It has a blue reverse, with "ten" in large letters. Engraving of this note was done by Keating and Ball, the printing was by Evans and

Cogswell. It is dated February 17, 1864, as were all notes of 1864.

Issued without a series designation, and with a series, (1 through 10, upper left end), the notes have matched serial letters, (A through H, top left and top right).

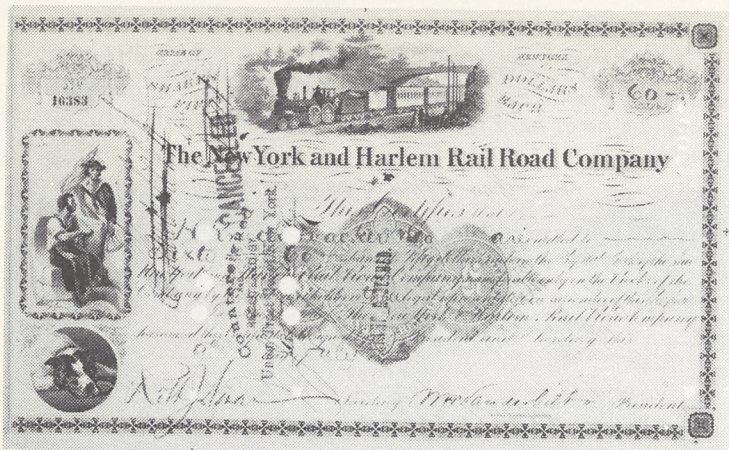


Illustrated is a note with mismatched serial letters. This error note is of the 1st series, serial letters B/A, serial number 79691.

Judged to be a rarity 10 note by Criswell, it is comparatively scarcer than even the Montgomery, Alabama notes of 1861 which are today priced at thousands of dollars.

Collectors who would actively seek out this type of error note are probably as scarce as the note itself; therefore, there is not much demand. However, if you are lucky enough to find one, you will have acquired a very interesting note, and a true rarity! Good Hunting!





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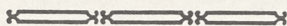
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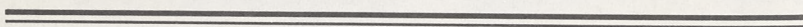
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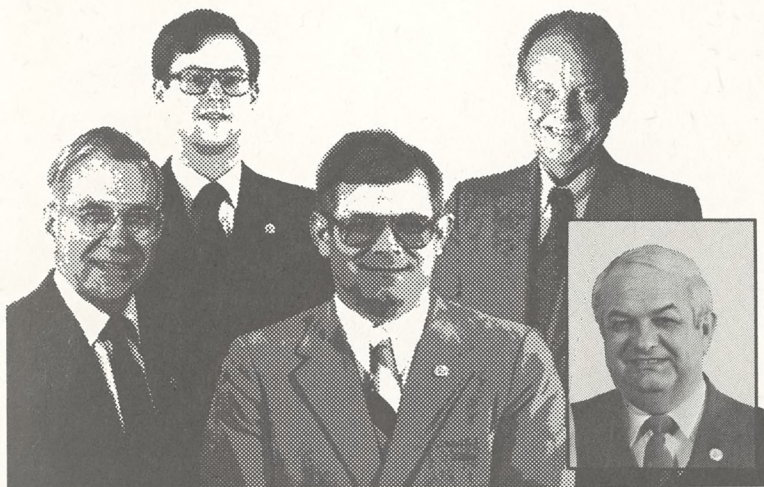
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PRESIDENT'S LETTER



Preparations for our annual Convention and Coin Show in September are progressing well, and sales of Bourse tables seem to be on track. All of the corner tables have been taken, but a number of other good locations are still available. Dealers planning to attend, who have not yet sent in their contracts, should contact Bourse Chairman, Keith Littlefield to arrange for their choice among the available spaces.

When I go to a coin show I find it difficult to tear myself away from the bourse floor, but my wife, when she comes along, generally uses the time for shopping and sightseeing. I expect this is the case with many VNA families. The Richmond area has much to offer in the way of shopping, dining, museums and historic sites, and these should be particularly attractive to spouses and others who accompany numismatists to the Convention. Our show location at the Richmond Hyatt on the western edge of the city offers ample free parking, and also quick and easy access to almost anywhere in town via I-64. The interchange is just one block from the hotel entrance.

Don't forget the Convention Auction Sale by Modern Coin, Inc. which will be held on Friday evening, Sept. 26, with a second session after the banquet on Saturday. Persons wishing to consign material to the sale should contact Jerry Enfield of Modern Coin at 804-794-9335.

As an additional attraction at the show, the International Numismatic Society (INS) at which Charlie Hoskins with his trusty microscope will, for a modest fee, provide professional authentication and grading services.

Hope to see lots of you at the Hyatt on Sept. 26, 27 & 28.

Sincerely,
Jim Ruehrmund
President

DUES ARE DUE — DUES ARE DUE

Regular Member \$ 7.00
Club or Organization \$10.00

PLEASE SEND TO: Malvern L. Powell, Jr., Sec.-Treas.
P.O. Box 353 — Hampton, Virginia 23669

APPLICANTS FOR MEMBERSHIP

The following individuals have applied for membership in the Virginia Numismatic Association and will become members within 20 days from the mailing of this notice unless some adverse reaction is received, in which case the matter will be acted upon by the Board of Directors.

Applicant

Richard W. Townley, Hampton, VA
Robert L. Buchanan, Hartford, VA
Jesse B. Cobb, Wilsons, VA

Sponsor

M. L. Powell
Keith Littlefield
Ginnie Aldridge



THE MONEY STORE

BUY — SELL — TRADE — BUY — SELL — TRADE — BUY — SELL

MILITARY PAYMENT CERTIFICATES - Buy, Sell or Trade.

MAINE obsolete banknotes and scrip wanted. Mervyn H. Reynolds, P.O. Box 4324, Ft. Eustis, VA 23604

WANTED - Virginia encased good luck tokens. Send description and price in first letter.

Page Mann, 484 Catesby Lane, Williamsburg, VA 23185

WANTED - Eastman Business College Currency, and associated material. Also: obsoletes with vignettes of Declaration Signing, Washington's Crossing, Drummer Boy, Five Presidents on V. Price and describe.

Robert W. Ross III, P.O. Box 765, Wilmington, DEL 19899

WANTED - Virginia scrip, particularly Virginia Toll Road Scrip.

Charles E. Echols, 2060 Wingfield Road, Charlottesville, VA 22901

WANTED - Virginia Iron Furnace Scrip, Va. coal mine paper scrip, Va. private scrip. Rarest Va. county scrip.

Garland S. Stephens, Box 243, Wytheville, Va. 24382

WANTED - Virginia Depression scrip and Virginia National Bank notes.

Elvin B. Miller, P.O. Box 1133, Leesburg, Virginia 22075

WANTED - for my personal collection: \$1,000 and \$500 VA Treasury notes; \$10,000 Bank of the United States, and Georgia CR 9. Have large price list of Confederate and obsolete currency (especially VA) for large SASE.

Samuel E. Roakes, Jr., 281 Rustic Ridge Dr., Kennesaw, GA. 30144.

WANTED - City of Richmond notes signed "Chamberlayne."

John H. Chamberlayne, 2793 28th St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 2008

WANTED - Will buy or trade for reasonable National Currency from southwest Virginia and southern West Virginia. Albert Smith, Box 446V, Marion, VA 24354

BUY AND SELL - Medallion Art - medals, plaques, plaquettes, etc.

Philip J. Medicus, 11 Baylor Circle, White Plains, N.Y. 10605

WANTED - Virginia elongated coins for personal collection. Price and description in first letter.

Ginnie S. Aldridge, 515 Pinehurst Ave., Colonial Heights, Va. 23834.

WANTED - For personal collection - A fifty cent (50¢) Page County Note, dated Oct. 1, 1861.

J. R. Burner, Box 80, Luray, VA 22835.

BUY - TRADE - SELL: Elongated coins. Describe and price.

Doug Fairbanks, Sr., 5937 Beadle Drive, Jamesville, N.Y. 13078. Phone: 315/469-4682.

WANTED: Collector interested in buying CCC Medals, Tokens, Books and Scrip. Describe and price. E. D. Coy, 811 E. Irving St., Richmond, Ky. 40475.

BUY — SELL — TRADE — Coal and Lumber Scrip, Coins and Merchant Tokens. Fennie Thacker, Rt. 1, Box 129, Hayes, VA 24256. Phone (703) 835-8281.

WANTED: Ben Franklin tokens & medals issued by stores, banks, schools & towns. Any Franklin numismatic items.

Phil W. Greenslet, Box 377, Reisterstown, MD 21136.

CALENDAR OF CLUB SHOWS

July 11-13	Sheraton Inn New Carrollton, MD	Metropolitan Washington Num. Assn.
July 19-20	Roanoke Civic Center Roanoke, Va.	Roanoke Valley Coin Club
July 25-27	Trade Center Chattanooga, TN	Blue Ridge Num. Assn.
Aug. 5-9	Convention Center Milwaukee, Wisc.	95th ANA Convention
Sept. 5-7	Sheraton Inn New Carrollton, MD	MD State Num. Assn.
Sept. 19-21	Hyatt House Cherry Hill, N.J.	Great Eastern Num. Assn.
SEPT. 26-28	RICHMOND HYATT HOTEL RICHMOND, VA	VIRGINIA NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION
Sept. 28	Sheraton Inn Dover, DEL	Kent Coin Club
Oct. 17-19	Adams Mark Hotel Philadelphia, PA	Middle Atlantic Num. Assn.

NEWS OF OUR CLUBS

Most of the clubs are working on their summer programs, making plans for their own coin shows, and arranging to attend the summer and fall coin shows scheduled for the coming months.

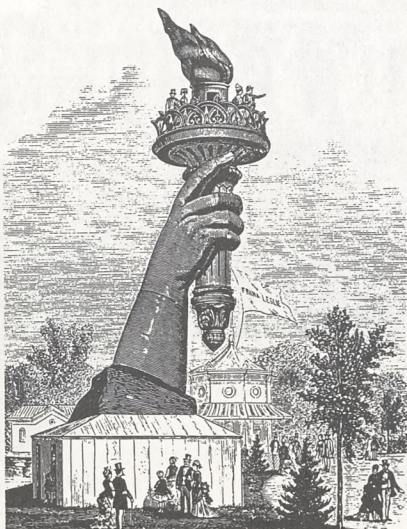
annies vignettes

by annie mckalvey

this time i have some items that i hope you all will like, about the statue of liberty . . .

the first one is a drawing of the hand holding the torch. the statue of liberty had not be completed by 1876, but the french sculptors completed the hand holding the torch, and sent it on ahead, to be displayed at the centennial celebration in philadelphia.

the hand arrived safely and on time at philadelphia, and was set up at the fair, where it became a major attraction.



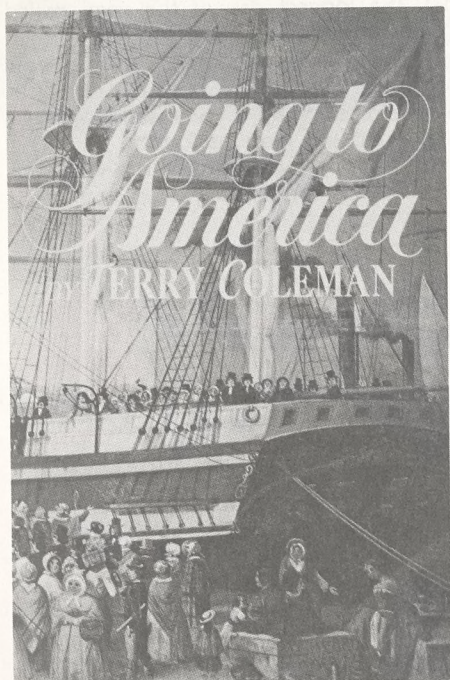
the second is a poem written by emma lazarus, one of the daughters of a wealthy jewish financier in new york city, where she was asked to write a poem for the fund being raised to build the pedestal to hold bartholdi's hugh statue, liberty enlightening the world. she died of cancer in 1887, but the goddess in new york harbor has kept her name alive.

*Not like the brazen giant of Greek fame,
with conquering limbs astride from land to land;
Here at our sea-washed, sunset gates shall stand
A mighty woman with a torch, whose flame
Is the imprisoned lightning, and her name
Mother of Exiles. From her beacon-hand
Glows world-wide welcome; her mild eyes command
The air-bridged harbor that twin cities frame.*

*"Keep, ancient lands, your storied pomp!" cries she
With silent lips. "Give me your tired, your poor,
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore.
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me.
I lift my lamp beside the golden door!"*

the next one is a postcard showing the ellis island immigration depot in new york harbor, through which came many of the immigrants from europe to enter the united states.





the next one is a book called — going to america, by terry coleman, about the many people who entered the united states through the depot on ellis island and other ports of entry.

it describes who they were, why they left home, and how, and what happened to them on the journey and after they arrived in north america.

and finally, i hope that you bought for your collection some of the coins that were issued by the mint for the celebration. i bought one of the half dollars and a one dollar, and was quite pleased with them. i would have liked to have bought one of the gold coins, too, but my budget did not stretch that far. oh well, i like the ones i did buy and intend to keep them.



i started this on june the 21st, the longest day of the year, called variously the summer solstice, or midsummer day, which is a time of myth and superstition as well as celebration, although now it is observed mainly as the start of astronomical summer. my black cat always tells me when this day comes, and wants to stay awake all night. at the rate i'm going, i will be lucky to get finished by the great and glorious fourth.

hope you like my vignettes,
annie mck

1986 AUCTION SALE

The auction sale at the 1986 VNA Convention will be conducted by Modern Coin Auctions, Inc., of Richmond. The sale will be held at the Convention site, the Richmond Hyatt Hotel, in two sessions.

Session 1, Friday evening, September 26, 1986, will feature uncirculated U.S. coins.

Session 2, Saturday evening, September 27, 1986, will feature circulated U.S. coins and foreign coins.

The closing date for consignments to the sale is August 1, 1986. Anyone wishing to consign material, or needing further information should contact:

Mr. Jerry Enfield
Modern Coin Auctions
P.O. Box 98
Midlothian, Virginia 23113

Telephone: (804) 794-9335

HEALTH — IRVINGTON, VIRGINIA THE OLD DAYS AND TODAY

By Walter L. Mason, Jr., Esquire

While looking through some Confederate currency the other day I came across this facsimile of an 1864 \$20 note. Normally I would just throw it away, but on checking the back side noticed the advertisement for Dr. Morse's Indian Root Pills. These pills were dispensed by a W. H. Comstock, Sole Proprietor, Morristown, St. Lawrence Co., N.Y. And this set me to thinking about many years ago.

For instance, when I was a boy during the depression we had to go back home, to Irvington, Virginia. We talked some before of this, but the Confederate advertising facsimile reminded me of several other things. My Dad and my Grand-Dad always said never to trust a Yankee — a republican and especially look out for gypsies. One other hazard in life was patent medicines dispensed from the back of a horse drawn wagon

TWO YEAR OFFICIER TERMS

It has been recommended by The Board of Directors of VNA that the terms of office for all of the elected officers and board members be changed from one year to two years, starting with this September, when approved by a vote of the members. For this year only, a part of the board would serve for one year and the rest for two years - starting next year a part of the board would be elected for two year terms each year, thus giving continuity to the board. The last three past presidents would still be board members as at present.

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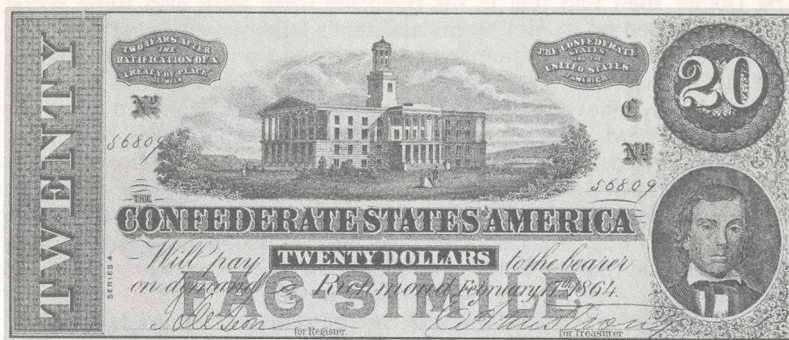
I am FOR the Amendment as recommended by the Board.

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I am AGAINST the Amendment as recommended by the Board

Return these Ballots to the Secretary not later than June 30 1975.

Mr. Richard Jones
P.O. Box 1981
Roanoke, Va. 24009



This is presented to you in order to impress on your mind the fact that

DR. MORSE'S INDIAN ROOT PILLS

Have been before the public for more than sixty years, and to-day are the most popular family Pill in the market. To those who have used them we need not say one word—they stand on their merit. To those who have not used them we simply say they are the best Pill that skill, money and experience can produce. They are a specific cure for most of the *Blood, Stomach and Liver Diseases*. They absolutely remove all Dyspepsia, Giddiness, Headache and are most useful in female disorders. Don't forget! DR. MORSE'S INDIAN ROOT PILLS.

W. H. COMSTOCK, Sole Proprietor, Morristown, St. Lawrence Co., N. Y.

usually hit town on Saturday. Now the Yankees and republicans were no problem — you just didn't talk to them. When the gypsies came through town Mother put all us children in the house until they left — heck it was a known fact gypsies stole everything not nailed down — including children.

Now the medicine man was something else. Remember that during the depression nobody had any money — the most exciting things to do were to watch the bread rise or skip oyster shells across the water. So when this fine horse pulling a gayly painted wagon entered town and set up opposite the post office the folks started to talk. Word would go all over town that come dark this Doctor (always they were Doctors) would let down the wagon gate and there would be entertainment. The Doctor played the banjo and his assistant, a beautiful full blooded Indian maiden, played the tambourine — the tom-tom, and she also danced and would sing in her native language. Seems like the whole town ate an early supper and by dark there was a big crowd around the wagon. The music and dancing was pretty good. (Mind you now, this was before TV — before radio and before moving pictures — at least in Irvington). The only ones who complained were the Baptists and of course they thought that dancing was a sin. After about an hour of this the Doctor would tell us about his miracle medicine. He used a lot of big scientific words about the ingredients and told of the many wonderful cures it had been his pleasure to perform. Now he was willing to share with us his marvelous remedy for only a dollar a bottle. Back then not many folks had a dollar so there was no big push to buy.

The Doctor then told that in his medicine there were also some secret herbs — passed on to him by his assistant's father (a medicine man) and known to no other living human. To get things started and help cure the sick (his bounden duty) the Doctor would sell the first bottle of medicine (one and only one) for 50¢ to the gentleman down in front who was coughing so hard. And beside that, sir, you may take a dose now, here, before this crowd, and if your cough doesn't stop — you get your money back. Mr. Messick bought that 50¢ bottle — took a big swallow — choked a little, then settled down. Two swallows later he was cured and the others stepped up to buy. My Dad didn't get any — either he wasn't sick or Mother had the money, but several people in that crowd were cured — I saw it happen.

You'll agree this is interesting, but the reason I'm writing now nearly 60 years later is to find out if anyone knows the whereabouts of Dr. Morse or W. H. Comstock. Today I can get along with Yankees — some Republicans are o.k., so doing business with these fellows wouldn't be too painful. Notice that Dr. Morse's Indian Root Pills are a specific cure for most blood, stomach and hair diseases and they absolutely remove dyspepsia, giddiness and headache. Modern doctors do not make this claim and since my advancing maturity gives me these symptoms, I'm willing to try Dr. Morse as a last resort. Even with the passage of all that time, I can still see the peaceful faces of those he had cured with only one pint of that wonderful elixir of his. Please write! I'm getting older every day, you know. Thanks.

TIPS ON COLLECTING ANCIENT COINS

By John Scyphers

The concept of coinage came into existence around 700 b.c. when either the Lydians or Ionian Greeks began producing small, unassuming coins of electrum, a natural alloy of gold and silver. The many advantages of using coinage in commercial transactions as opposed to the old system of barter soon became well known. Within the next century, the production of coinage spread rapidly throughout the ancient world. Little did the ancient peoples know that they were creating a world of coin collecting wealth for modern day collectors!

Just the mention of the words "ancient coins" usually invokes a look of disdain on the face of a collector of U.S. coins. He immediately envisions long hours of laborious study and inevitable financial bankruptcy associated with assembling a respectable collection of ancient coins. But you don't need a degree in ancient history from Yale nor the bank account of the Hunt brothers to enjoy ancient coin collecting. Admittedly, the serious collector of ancient coins may find it necessary to spend more time researching his hobby than the collector of Roosevelt dimes! But there are a large number of books and reference guides, such as the Seaby series on Greek, Roman and Byzantine coins, which are both entertaining and easy to read. As for the costs involved, many ancient coins can be purchased in high grades for under twenty-five dollars, such as the numerous fourth and



*silver tetradrachm of the
Macedonian king Demetrius Poliorcetes, 306-283 b.c.*



*Rome, bronze sestertius of the emperor
Marcus Aurelius, 161-180 a.d.*



Athens, silver tetradrachm, 490-440 b.c.

fifth century Roman bronzes. Very nice Roman silver denarii can be purchased for under fifty dollars, and even many of the Greek silver drachms can be purchased for the price of your average MS-63 Morgan dollar!

How should a potential collector go about assembling a collection of ancient coins? The field is so wide that specialization is almost inevitable! One direction is to concentrate on a portrait series of Roman emperors. Some collectors favor coins which illustrate ancient buildings, mythological gods and goddesses, animals, inscriptions, or military themes. Still others collect Roman coins with portraits of women such as

the mothers, sisters, wives, daughters, etc., which many Roman emperors placed on their coins. Another direction is the collection of a certain denomination, such as the Roman denarius, sesterius or follis, or the Greek drachm or stater. In the Greek series, many collectors concentrate on the coins of a certain city-state such as Athens or Corinth, or perhaps the coinage of Alexander the Great. Biblical coins are extremely popular with collectors actively seeking an example of the Judean "widow's mite", the "Tribute penny" or a run of coins issued by the Jewish governors and Roman emperors of Biblical times. And in the Byzantine series, the rich Christian iconography, portraits and legends attract many a collector!

One of the most fascinating ancient coin collections I have seen involved a "century" collection. It consisted of one or two interesting coins from each century of ancient history from 700 b.c. to 600 a.d. The collector had spent a great deal of effort researching each coin and had wrapped it altogether in an award-winning display. Yet the entire collection had cost the collector under a thousand dollars!

Where can ancient coins be purchased? You won't find many ancient coins or dealers at small local coin shows, but most of the larger shows are well attended by ancient coin dealers. Many dealers offer their coins through the mail and their names and addresses can be found in any number of weekly or monthly coin publications.

What about authenticity? Counterfeiting is really not as large a problem with ancient coins as it is with U.S. coins! Most counterfeiting of ancient coins involves the very expensive rarities. But it's always a good practice to purchase your coins from a dealer who offers a **lifetime** guarantee of authenticity. If in doubt, send the coin to the American Numismatic Association or International Numismatic Society, both of which provide authentication services for ancient coins.

As a dealer in U.S. coins, I have been carrying a small stock of ancient coins to recent shows and I find the response and interest overwhelming! U.S. coins have a lot going for them, but there's just something special about holding in your hand a 2,000 year old Macedonian tetradrachm that Alexander may have paid to one of his surviving soldiers for a day's service in hand-to-hand combat, or a Roman denarius which may have been used to purchase a new pair of sandals for the emperor Tiberius!

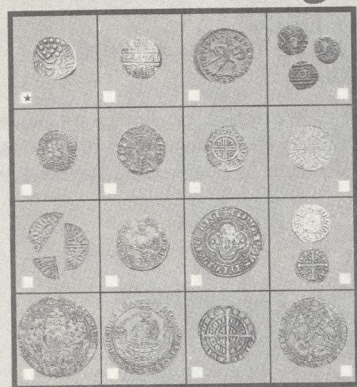
No coins can match the workmanship, beauty, history or intrigue of ancient coins — not to mention the tremendous amount of plain ol' coin collecting fun!

ANNIVERSARY GIFT FROM THE BRITISH ROYAL MINT

An Illustrated History of British Coinage

It was eleven hundred years ago, in the year 886 that Alfred the Great, King of the West Saxons, drove the Danish invaders out of London and re-established a mint there, which was first active in Roman times. The event was commemorated by the striking of a quantity of silver pennies bearing the name LONDONIA in the form of a monogram upon its reverse, with

An Illustrated History of British Coinage



Anglo-Saxon
(10th century B.C.)

Gold Stater
(1st century B.C.)

British's earliest coins were made about
the 1st century B.C. These coins were
produced from high-purity gold (about 900 parts
per 1000).

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London (1550-1560)
Silver Penny
(16th century)

As a collector is withdrawing a coin from the
series, the coin should be returned to the Royal Mint
in a box with the coin, and the box should be
marked as follows:

Completed and issued by the Royal Mint Coin Club
PO Box 500, Cardiff, CF1 1HA

PILL

the King's effigy on the obverse.

The London mint became increasingly important in the years that followed. A continuous thread of history runs from those famous "monogram pennies" to the coins produced by the Royal Mint at its present day site at Llantrisant, Wales.

While a special exhibition will be open to the public at the Goldsmith's Hall in Foster Lane, close to St. Paul's Cathedral in the City of London, from June 24 to July 25, the British Royal Mint felt it would be particularly appropriate to mark this anniversary year by making a special offer to collectors here in North America. AN ILLUSTRATED HISTORY OF BRITISH COINAGE is an informative guide to two thousand years of British coin making, fully illustrated in four colors, showing the coins of Britain from the Gold Stater of the 1st century B.C. right through to the new One Pound coin struck in 1983. Produced as a "window-chart", each coin pictured on the four cardboard sleeves, is identified as an inner card is withdrawn.

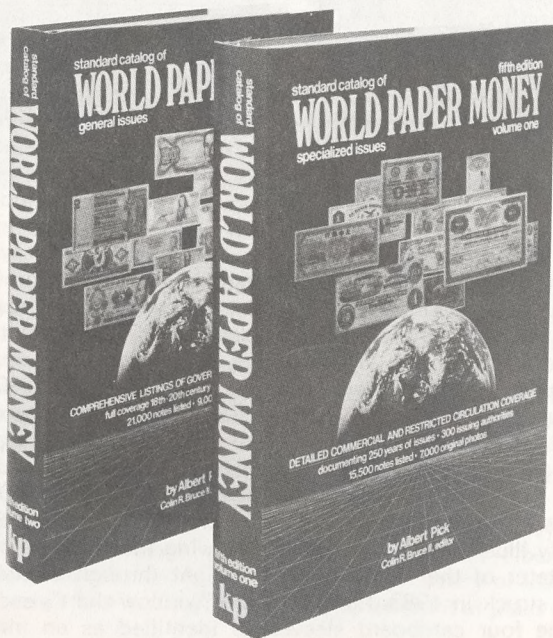
Any collector interested, may receive a chart free of charge, **but is asked to send \$1 to cover postage and handling.** Send to: **British Royal Mint, 250 West 57 Street, Suite 1527, New York, NY 10019.**



NEW BOOKS FROM KRAUSE PUBLICATIONS

Albert Pick's 5th Edition STANDARD CATALOG OF WORLD PAPER MONEY Now Available

The new fifth edition Standard Catalog of World Paper Money by paper money authority Albert Pick, is now available from Krause Publications. The two-volume catalog set consists of Volume I, Specialized Issues and

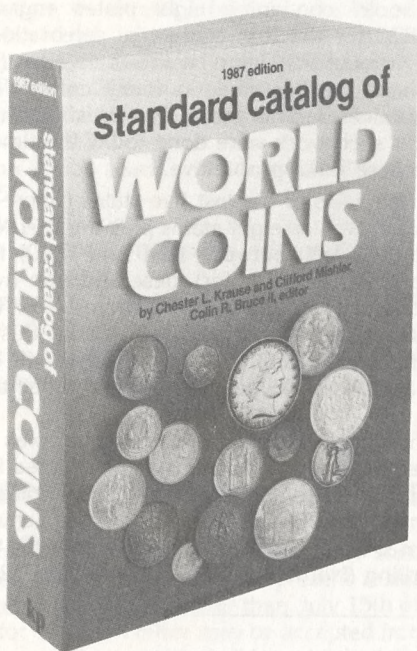


Volume II, General Issues. The set documents over 250 years of world paper money issues. Each volume retails for \$45.00.

The two hard cover volumes contain a combined total of over 2,000 pages, with more than 17,000 photographic illustrations. 37,000 notes are listed, described and valued in U.S. dollars.

The two new books are available at \$45 per volume from coin shops and dealers in the U.S., or directly from Krause Publications, 700 E. State Street, Iola, WI 54990, plus shipping charges.

**1987 Edition
STANDARD CATALOG OF WORLD COINS
Just Released**



The new 1987 edition Standard Catalog of World Coins, which features over 160 years of popularly collected world coins, has been released by Krause Publications. Known as the "telephone book" of world coins, this one-volume world coin library is now priced at \$29.95, in soft cover.

This complete 13th edition Standard Catalog of World Coins by Chester L. Krause and Clifford Mishler contains over 1,500 pages, describing 114,000 widely collected world coins. Coverage spans from the 1820's through 1986, highlighting world coinage actively sought by collectors and dealers.

The 1987 edition is priced at \$29.95 per copy and is available from coin shops nationwide, or from Krause Publications, 700 E. State St., Iola, WI 54990, plus shipping charges.

**NEW BOOK ON UNITED STATES NATIONAL
BANK NOTES AND THEIR SEALS**


A new book on paper money will be available this summer. Entitled "UNITED STATES NATIONAL BANK NOTES AND THEIR SEALS", by

Dewitt G. Prather, an ardent collector of United States paper money for many years, it shows all of the state seals known to him. A total of 129 notes are pictured both face and back.

The author states: "Last year through a stroke of good fortune, I purchased a "rare book" containing eight plates engraved, printed and copyrighted in 1876 for the first centennial celebration in Philadelphia. Called the "State Arms of the Union" it shows 45 arms (or seals) that were used in 1876. These are beautiful, in many colors. The gold was run through the press twice. Back in those days artists took time and pride in doing their work. If such work were done today the time and labor would make such a purchase most prohibitive."

"Then to show the seals of the last five states (where none were shown on the bank notes) as well as eight states plus the District of Columbia (all of which changed their seals between 1890 and 1900), I engaged an artist to draw and watercolor (in full color) these and also five states from territories to statehood status. A total of 32 more seals. These 16 plates in color inserted into the book will also help make this volume a library reference and a historical, graphic recording that will be treasured for a lifetime, as well as successive generations, for collectors and laymen as well."

The 8½"x11" hardback historical reference book was printed by MULTI-PRINT, INC. of Hampton, Virginia, and may be ordered from either: Dewitt G. Prather, Publisher, 1623 Lansdale Drive, Charlotte, N.C. 28205, or, BNR Press, Numismatic Publications, % Fred Schwan, Box L, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas 66027. The regular issue sells for \$40.00, plus \$3.00 postage and handling (North Carolina residents add \$2.00 sales tax).



#16 —
TENNESSEE

NAME: Name of
Cherokee Village
NICKNAME:
The Volunteer State
ENTERED THE UNION:
June 1, 1796

CAPITAL: Nashville
SEALS: The Tennessee seal was adopted on November 14, 1801 and was first used in 1802. The circular seal shows a ship at sea, sailing East, with the word "Commercy" at the bottom. At the top is XVI, indicating Tennessee as the sixteenth state. Below is a plow at the left, wheat at the center, and a cotton plant at the right with the word

Agriculture: beneath. Drawings agree: more than most. All banknotes show the same and, similar to the one described above, except for the artist's adjustment to the oval shape. A fancy floral design decorates the upright shield with the number XIII and Agriculture: above the plow with what looks like a cotton plant to the left in front of the plow. Below is a ship. It always occurred it was a stern boat with open deck showing cargo, a helmsman on the right end, and a single mast near the stern with furled rolled up rigging, with "Commercy" below and near the very bottom the word "Tennessee" on a scroll or slab for monument marker.


Please see Plate 15

NOTE #16A:

DENOMINATION/SERIES: Five Dollars and Charter Series 1876


BANK/CHARTER: The Mechanics National Bank of Knoxville
FRONT SIDE: Federal Reserve
FEDERAL DATA: Serial #7771674 signed by Oliver and Callahan

BACK: Landing of
Columbus, 1492
SEAL: Tennessee state
and Agricultural and
Commerce
CONDITION: Fine
SOURCE: From the
Largest collection
acquired by N.S.A.
P.T.C. September 26,
1995
RARITY: Tennessee
Five Dollar notes are
rare, especially in nice
condition



BANK DATA: Issued
April 12, 1880 and was
in three months before
the Second Series
Printed by: Plant
\$5.00 in Bank note
\$5.00 in Charter
from 1880 to 1901 and
issued only in 1901
Series 1876 notes and
not old notes of 1876
Series Accepted
Additions to 1914 and
1916

BANK SIGNATURES:
C.H. Bates, Cashier and
J.H. Callahan, President
(signatures)



AN INVITATION TO RICHMOND FOR OUR 28TH ANNUAL CONVENTION

On behalf of the members, officers and directors of the Virginia Numismatic Association, we extend a hearty invitation to all numismatists and their families and friends to come to our 28th Annual Convention and Show, to be held at the Richmond Hyatt Hotel, Richmond, Virginia, the fourth weekend in September, the 26th through the 28th.

For information about the Bourse tables, write Keith Littlefield, 3902 Rose Lane, Annandale, VA 22003.

For information on exhibit space, write James M. Beard, 317 Miller Street, Lexington, VA 24450.

The Auction Sale by Modern Coin, Inc., will be held Friday evening, September 26, with a second session Saturday evening following the Banquet.

We are looking forward to seeing all of our members and friends and fellow collectors in Richmond. Please remember to reserve your rooms at the hotel as soon as you receive the August mailing with the Convention information enclosed. You all come! and have fun! We'll be looking for you!

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 1987-88

The By-Laws of the Virginia Numismatic Association state that an Election committee appointed by the President shall present a slate of Offices and Directors for each expiring office, not later than July 15th of each year. Additional nominations for any open office may be accepted from any member in good standing. Names of all nominees shall be published during the month of August and voted on by mail or at the Annual Convention in September, by ballot.

The nominating committee presents the following slate of officers:

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|--------------------|--------------------------|
| Sec.-Treas. | - Malvern L. Powell, Jr. |
| Sgt.-at-Arms | - Robert W. Bunn |
| Board of Directors | - Richard L. Garfield |
| | A. Marshall Morris |

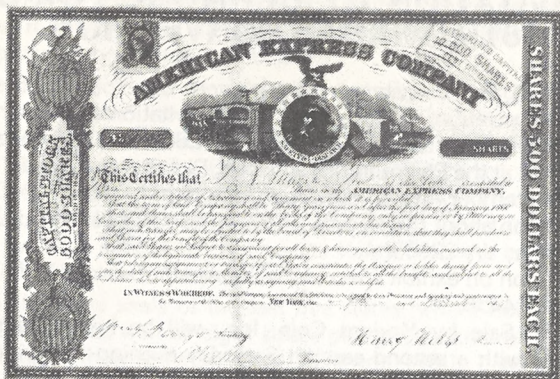
Any additional nominations should be sent to the Secretary-Treasurer, Malvern L. Powell, Jr., P.O. Box 353, Hampton, VA 23669.

BACK COPIES OF VIRGINIA NUMISMATIST TO BE ON SALE AT ANNUAL CONVENTION

Frank Hannah, publisher of THE VIRGINIA NUMISMATIST, announced that he will have back copies of the magazine for sale at the Annual Convention this September in Richmond.

There will be a charge of \$2.00 per copy for each one. This will be an excellent opportunity to fill in with any copies that are missing in your files.

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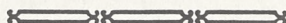
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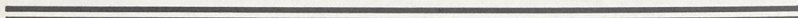
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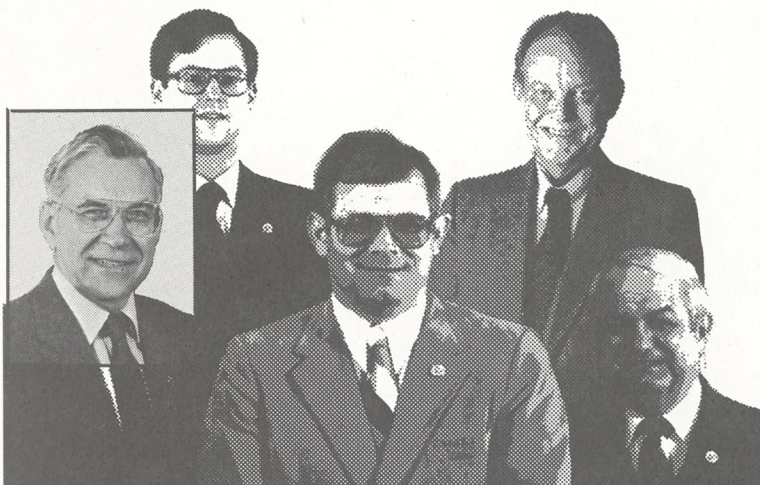
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PRESIDENT'S LETTER



The 28th Annual Convention and Coin Show of the Virginia Numismatic Association at the Hyatt Richmond will officially open to the public at 10 a.m. on Friday, September 26, 1986, and will close on Sunday afternoon, September 28th. Details of the various events during these three days are given elsewhere in this issue.

The Convention is that once a year occasion when VNA members can get together, and the central attraction is, of course, the coin show. A successful coin show requires maximum attendance, and we cordially invite the general public to attend. We hope that they will do so in large numbers. The show, and all convention activities, are open to all, whether or not they are VNA members. Aside from the optional cost of banquet tickets, there is no admission charge.

We intend to publicize the show to the maximum extent possible. It would be of great help if all of the membership at large would make it a point to tell all of their collector friends about the show, and urge them to attend, and I ask that all VNA members do this.

For non-collecting spouses who accompany numismatists to the Convention, Richmond and vicinity have much to offer in the way of shopping, dining and sight seeing. Information on these will be available at the registration desk.

We are looking forward to a great weekend of fun and numismatic fellowship, and I hope to see lots of you here.

Sincerely
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NEWS OF OUR CLUBS

Most of the clubs are working on their summer programs, making plans for their own coin shows, and arranging to attend the summer and fall coin shows scheduled for the coming months.

annies vignettes

by annie mckalvey

don says that this is the result of a tinkers to evers to chance operation, whatever that is. i guess that is a baseball remark, but i do not do too well at baseball.

i wanted to show something about the money museum in the richmond federal reserve building, but have never been there since the museum was opened. so don asked mr. jim ruehrmund, who is the vna president and lives in richmond, to get me some data about it for this issue. jim asked the folks at the federal reserve whom he should talk to about this, and they sent him to see ms. doris e. harless, who is the money museum director, and a very nice lady. she gave the information to jim, who sent it to don, who gave it to me. many thanks to the lady for her kindness, she certainly sent a lot of interesting material.

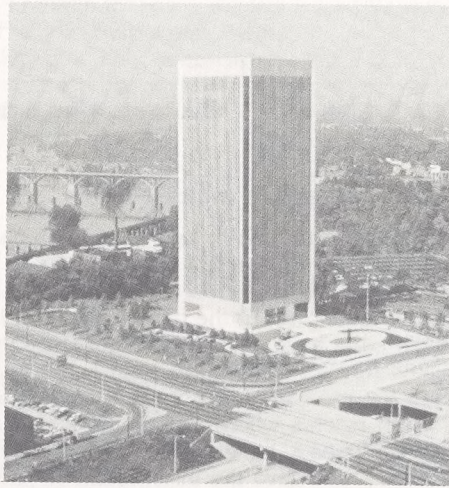
first of all, the federal reserve bank of richmond was the first reserve bank to open in the newly created federal reserve system. it began operation in rented quarters at 1109 east main street in november 1914, just 11 months after president wilson signed the federal reserve act. permanent quarters across from capitol square were occupied in 1922, and over the years growth in responsibilities led to expansion of the building at this location. the bank moved into its current headquarters at 701 east byrd street in 1978.

don told me that there will be an article by ms. harless in this issue about the museum and how it came to be, but she sent me a number of excellent pictures and i am going to show them to you. after having seen the pictures, i hope that i will be able to see the museum itself sometime.

but first, to set the stage, i want to show you the first office of the bank, and the one where the museum is located ... there is quite a difference ...



the building on main street had previously been the home of the city bank of richmond, before its merger with the state bank to form the national state and city bank.



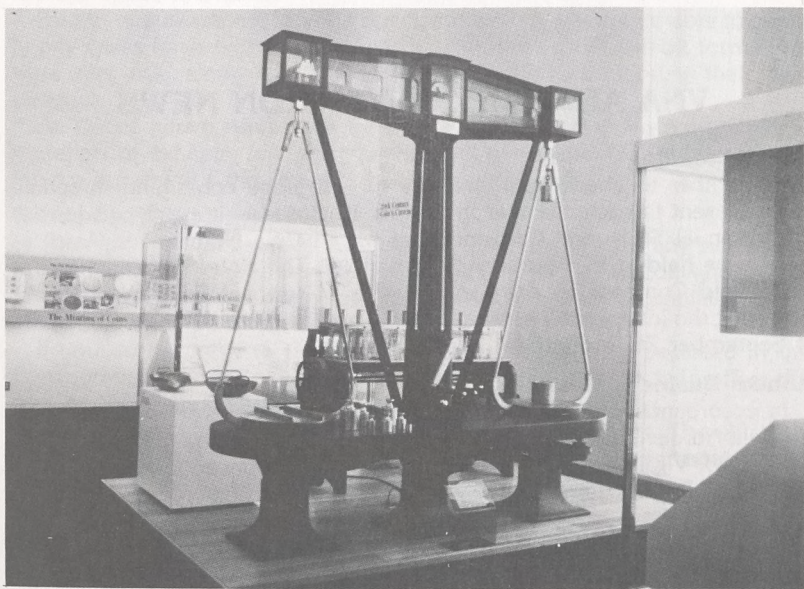
the new building contains a total floor area of a little over one million square feet, which is about equally divided between the 26 story office tower and three underground levels. included in the underground levels are 42,000 square feet of vault area, a 525-car garage, and a 350-seat auditorium. the bank also has its own post office and security force, as well as the money museum.

the money museum emphasizes the history of u.s. money from the pre-revolutionary period through the formation of governmental financial institutions and modern day coinage. of special interest to us in virginia are displays of money in colonial virginia and in the confederate states of america.

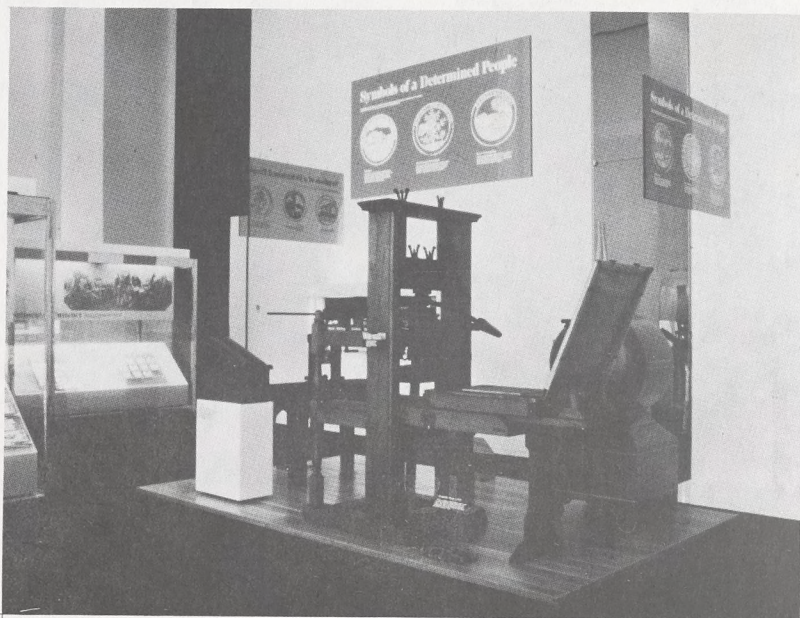
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annie mckalvey



Money Museum
Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond



6-Foot Beam Balance, in use in the third U.S. Mint in Philadelphia from 1901 to 1969. (Money Museum, Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond)



Reproduction of 1725 Franklin Printing Press. (Money Museum, Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond)

VNA ANNUAL CONVENTION NEWS

Special Mailing

Remember to check your mail for the envelope containing materials that was sent to each member in August. Enclosed in it are details for the 28th Annual Show and Convention of the Virginia Numismatic Association to be held at the Richmond Hyatt Hotel. The Hotel is located in the Brookfield Complex on the western edge of town at 6624 West Broad Street, at the intersection of West Broad Street and I-64. The date this year is September 26 through the 28th.

Annual Business Meeting

In accordance with past practice, the annual business meeting of The Virginia Numismatic Association will be held at the Richmond Hyatt Hotel, Richmond, Virginia, at a time and place to be announced. The election of officers and other items on the agenda will be considered.

Hotel Accomodations

The special mailing contained information on the accomodations, prices and facilities available at the Richmond Hyatt Hotel.

Be sure to make your reservations as soon as possible for the best selection of rooms, and also be sure to say that it is for the VNA Convention.

Items for sale

Displayed on a table next to the registration desk will be VNA books and other items for your consideration.

Bourse

Admission to the Bourse is free and all are invited to check on the many types of numismatic materials shown there for your inspection and purchase. Check all the tables and see what opportunities there are for you to be able to add to your present collection and to find new interests. Talk to the dealers, and if you do not see what you are interested in ask if they do have these items with them or if they have them at home. Remember, if there were no dealers, where would we get the items we need for our collections. Also, if you have any items to sell, ask if they would be interested in them. We think that we have the best dealers there are . . . so give them a try.

There will be no insurance carried on either bourse materials or on exhibits, but guard service will be maintained 24 hours a day for the duration of the show in these two areas.

Exhibits

Get in touch with Chairman James M. Beard, 317 Miller Street, Lexington, VA 24450, to reserve space for your exhibits. It takes a lot of time and work, but it is also a lot of fun to arrange an exhibit that shows your collecting interests and lets the rest of us see how to put together a novel, informative and attractive display. Sharing your interests with others is the other half of the fun of collecting.

Both competitive and non-competitive exhibits are welcome, as long as there is space available.

Due to circumstances beyond our control, VNA will not be able to supply any cases for exhibitors. This has been noted on the exhibit forms that were sent out, along with the request to exhibitors to bring their own cases.

As noted above, there will be no insurance carried on either bourse materials or exhibits, but guard service will be maintained 24 hours a day for the duration of the show in these two areas.

Convention Program

The Virginia Numismatic Association does not charge any admission fee to the Annual convention, but advertising space in the Convention Program is available for members, friends, clubs, dealers, publishers and other interested persons.

If you do not wish to take out a regular ad, you may be listed in the Convention Program as a Patron for the sum of \$2.00, to help offset the cost of presenting the Show.

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Our Dinner Speaker

We are very pleased to announce that our after dinner speaker for the 1986 Annual Convention will be Dr. Douglas B. Ball, the younger son of the Honorable George B. Ball and Ruth M. Ball.

He has received degrees in history from Yale University, Columbia University and the London school of Economics.

He early showed great interest in Confederate history, and has spent years in researching and collecting Confederate paper money, bonds and related material.

We welcome him as our after dinner speaker here in Richmond.

Doug is now Director of Research of NASCA, a Division of R. M. Smythe & Co., Inc., of New York City.

His topic will be: "Charles L. Ludwig, Confederate Printer."

Annual Banquet

The Banquet will be held Saturday night, following the social hour. This is always the highlight of the Convention.

Following the excellent dinner that has been arranged for us will be the installation of officers for the next year, presentation of awards, the awarding of plaques for the exhibits, and our featured speaker.

Be sure to purchase your dinner tickets when you register for the Convention.

Auction Sale

The Auction Sale by Modern Coin, Inc., will be held Friday evening, with a second session on Saturday evening following the Banquet.

"Rag-Pickers" Get-Together

Don't forget that on Saturday night after the Banquet the Rag-Pickers will get together for their annual conference and discussion period. The time and place of the meeting will be announced at the Convention.

All those who are interested in the history and collecting of paper money are invited to attend. And remember — as we have said so many times before — you only get an opportunity like this once a year, so be sure not to miss it!

Federal Reserve Bank Money Museum

If you have not yet seen it, be sure to reserve time on Friday to visit the Money Museum in the Federal Reserve Bank Building — and if you have seen it, it is worth another visit to see what you may have missed when you were there before. That alone is well worth the visit to Richmond, and there is no admission charge.

Take time to have a lot of fun, and drop in when you are downtown on Friday ... it's a real treat for any collector interested in the history of money, and the folks there will make you welcome.

Come and Enjoy the Fellowship

As always, the climax of our numismatic activities for the year in Virginia will be the 28th Annual Convention of the Virginia Numismatic Association, being held this year at the Richmond Hyatt Hotel, in Richmond, Virginia, on the weekend of September 26, 27 and 28.

Bring your family and friends, and enjoy the weekend with them and your favorite hobby of numismatics, and check your favorite Richmond stores, book shops, antique shops and see the Federal Reserve Bank Money Museum on Friday.

Please remember too, that our Conventions are not just fine commercial coin shows ... there are a lot of Bourse tables with a wide variety of numismatic items for sale, and in addition, there are exhibits of all kinds,

meetings and talks, and best of all, the fellowship with friends both old and new.

We are looking forward to seeing you all there, too!

UNITED STATES TREASURY COIN SALES ARE LEADING STATUE OF LIBERTY FUNDRAISER

Commemorative coin sales have raised over \$45 million toward the restoration of the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island, making the United States Treasury the largest single contributor to the rebuilding effort, according to Congressman Frank Annunzio (D-Ill.), Chairman of the House Consumer Affairs and Coinage Subcommittee. The sales program has sold over 6.7 million gold, silver, and half dollar commemorative coins. The gold coins sold out in eight weeks at the end of 1985.

"The United States Statue of Liberty coin program has been the most effective source of funds for the Statue of Liberty," said Annunzio, the author of the coin legislation. "No other single contributor or sponsor has contributed one quarter as much."

The leading corporate sponsor has pledged \$10 million to the restoration. The next seven largest corporate sponsors had pledged a combined total of \$35 million. To date, the eight corporations have paid \$15.1 million of the pledges. The balance of the \$45 million in pledges is payable over the next several years. Sales of licensed products, stamps, and books have raised another \$15.8 million for the restoration.

"The coin program raised the money at absolutely no expense to the Statue of Liberty-Ellis Island Foundation. The coins are marketed by the United States Mint, and require no fundraising, administrative, or overhead expense effort on the part of the Foundation. This is money that goes 100 percent to the restoration of the Statue and Ellis Island," said Annunzio.

Included in the \$45 million is \$1.3 million raised from international sales of the coins. The United States Mint predicts that at least \$2 million will be raised overseas through the Mint's export program in 14 countries.

"The Statue of Liberty coin program has been the single most successful fundraiser for a good reason. Not only have purchasers been able to contribute to the restoration, but have acquired a memento which they can be proud to pass along to their children and grandchildren," concluded Annunzio.

THE 1986 STATE FAIR OF VIRGINIA

This year's State Fair of Virginia will be held September 18 to 28 at the Fairgrounds, located on Laburnum Avenue in the north east section of Richmond.

Highlights of the fair will include entertainment by musicians and other

performing artists, races, an ice revue, amusement rides, livestock shows, arts and crafts, contests, fireworks, the Hanneford Family Circus, exhibits of all kinds and many other festivities.

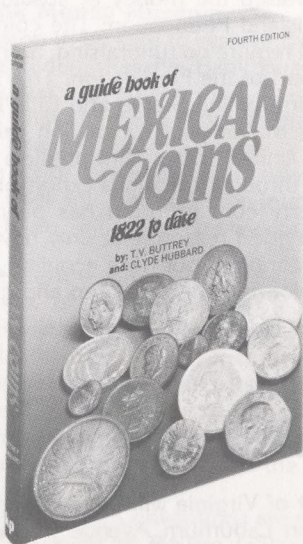
The purpose of the annual fair is to: "Encourage the improvement of livestock and agriculture, promote the agricultural industry, further industrial activity and expansion, encourage the application of new technology, support the programs of the 4-H and FFA and other junior agricultural groups and promote the leisure industry and recreational activities."

Hours will be 8 AM (gates open) to midnight; exhibit buildings will open at 10 AM and close at 10 PM (11 AM to 9 PM Sundays). Tickets are \$7.95; \$4.95 for senior citizens (\$3.00 September 22nd); children 2 and under will be admitted free. Discount, advance tickets are available at Crown gasoline stations for \$5.95. Discounts are available for groups of 25 or more (write State Fair of Virginia, Box 26805, Richmond, VA 23261), or call for information at number 329-4437. Have fun!

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This 5¼" x 7½" volume will be appreciated by both veteran and beginning collectors alike.

PROFILES Of People, Places and Things



Shown here are, from left to right, Jim Beard, VNA exhibit chairman, Keith Littlefield, VNA bourse chairman and Jim Ruehrmund, VNA president and show chairman, making plans for the VNA 28th Annual Convention to be held at the Richmond Hyatt Hotel, the 26th through the 28th of September. All collectors are invited to attend.



Bobbie Vaughn, well known exhibitor in the Maryland area, receives Best In Show award for her "Silver Coin Issues of Hawaii" exhibit at the 21st coin convention of the Metropolitan Washington Numismatic Association, held in New Carrollton, Maryland.

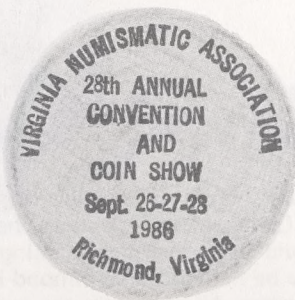
Herb Hall, Exhibits Chairman, made the presentation at the Awards Breakfast in the Sheraton Hotel, July 13th.

Walt Miller, emcee, introduced Steve Taylor, V.P. of ANA and President of MANA, along with Burnett Anderson of the Krause Publications, each of whom spoke briefly. The buffet breakfast was well attended by dealers, exhibitors and guests.

NEW WOODEN NICKEL FOR 1986 VNA CONVENTION

We are pleased to be able to tell you that VNA First Vice President Virginia S. Aldridge has arranged for 1,000 wooden nickels to be made and given away at this year's Annual Show and Convention in Richmond. She says that there are a lot of Virginia wood collectors around, so be sure to ask her for yours when you register at the Convention.

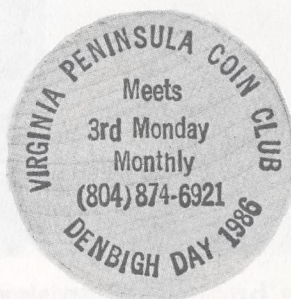
Thanks a lot, Virginia!



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By Merv Reynolds

The New Membership Committee of the Virginia Peninsula Coin club has issued a commemorative wood token for the Centennial Year of the Statue of Liberty and Denbigh Day, an annual event in Newport News for the section that was formerly the center of Warwick County. The token will be distributed as the committee explains exhibits of coins and paper money at the community event on Saturday, the 6th of September, in an effort to acquire new members for the club. The token is available to readers for 25¢, or five for \$1, and a stamped addressed envelope by writing to VPCC, P.O. Box 6411, Newport News, VA 23606.



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The award is based, also, on the collectors [sic] acute sense of sharing. They share their knowledge — learned over many years of devoted research — in educational programs and exhibits at club meetings and by answering, without reservation, the questions of beginning or less advanced collectors . . .

To date more than 100 numismatists have been honored with the Numismatic Ambassador Award. Included in the honors are four Virginia Numismatists. They are Charles J. Affleck, 1974; Lawrence K. Chavis, 1980; Frank R. Hannah, 1981; and James A. Johnson, 1983.

For a number of years Chet Krause has hosted a breakfast during the annual convention of the American Numismatic Association for Ambassadors and their guests.

During the 1986 ANA Convention in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, the ambassador breakfast was held on Thursday, August 10, at 8:30 a.m. at the Milwaukee Exposition and Convention Center and Arena (MECCA). Larry Chavis of Petersburg, VA was present for the occasion.

Following the breakfast a special presentation of a beautiful plaque was made to Krause by Julins Turoff, a numismatic ambassador from Flushing, New York. At the top left of the photograph on page 15 is a replica of the ambassador medal. Beneath is the following inscription: "In Appreciation from your Ambassadors." At the top right of the photograph is the following:

" 'All the world's a stage
And one man in his time
Plays many parts.'

Shakespeare

Chester L. Krause
August 1986"

Ninety-one plates containing the names of single and dual ambassadors are attached below the inscriptions.

Krause most graciously acknowledged the honor.

The Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond's MONEY MUSEUM

By Doris E. Harless

Money Museum Director

The Money Museum of the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond houses a 575-specimen collection representative of the monies of our own land, of civilizations far distant in time and place, and of primitive societies. Have you visited the museum? No? Then perhaps you would like a brief tour.

Just beyond the double rosewood doors that open from the lobby into the museum is a group of specimens that typifies mankind's earliest monies. Among these primitive forms of money the viewer will see a tree with coin-tipped branches; a tea brick made of pressed tea leaves mixed with ox blood and flavored with soot, which could be divided and spent, or brewed to yield a medicinal drink; fragile, porcelain-like cowrie shells, once valued as currency for trade among nations and prized as amulets as well. Closer in concept to conventional coins are the miniature replicas of weapons and farming tools of China. Such pieces were assigned values and, unlike many other precoinage monies, had no use other than as media of exchange.

The rarest of the specimens are to be found in the exhibits that display the museum's collection of foreign coins, a collection that covers a span of more than 2,000 years and represents cultures as dissimilar as those of Judea and ancient Rome. Among the more interesting from the standpoint of the history of money are several that represent landmarks in the development of the conventional coin: a stater of Croesus, a



Yap Stone



Stone Money of the Yap Islands. The Yap Islands are located in the western Pacific Ocean, about 1,000 miles from the U.S. West Coast. The Yap Islands are known for their unique form of money, the Yap Stone. The Yap Stone is a large, flat, oval-shaped stone with a hole in the center. The Yap Stone is used as a form of money in the Yap Islands. The Yap Stone is made of a type of limestone that is found in the Yap Islands. The Yap Stone is used as a form of money in the Yap Islands. The Yap Stone is made of a type of limestone that is found in the Yap Islands. The Yap Stone is used as a form of money in the Yap Islands.

Yap Stone, 1875. This stone was found in 1875 and is now in the collection of the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond. It is a large, flat, oval-shaped stone with a hole in the center. The stone is made of a type of limestone that is found in the Yap Islands. The stone is used as a form of money in the Yap Islands. The stone is made of a type of limestone that is found in the Yap Islands. The stone is used as a form of money in the Yap Islands.

Yap Stone ca. 1875
Money Museum
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coin produced in the sixth century B.C. in the Kingdom of Lydia, the birthplace of coinage; a tetradrachm of Athens, the first coin with a full design on each side; a guldiner of the Austrian Tyrol, the first dollar-size silver coin and one of the first coins to show the year of issue.

Central to the main objective of the museum are the twelve exhibits that tell the story of the monies of our own land. Graphics and brief explanatory texts carry the story line; specimens, grouped according to the period or the significant event to which they were most closely linked, illustrate the theme. For example, a portrayal of Martha and George Washington inspecting the first United States coins and a brief discussion of the establishment of the first United States Mint provide the historical framework for the display of the earliest Mint issues. In like manner, a montage depicting banking conditions in the 1811-1860 period and mention of the influence of public and private opinion on banking practices of the day set the stage for a display of notes of the Second Bank of the United States and of state banks during the second state-banking era. Adding dimension to the story of Colonial and United States monies as told by means of graphics, texts, and specimens are a number of money-related artifacts, including a reproduction of the 1725 Franklin printing press, the first automatic coin-weighing machine, and a gold box in which gold bullion bars were packed for transport in the early 1800s.

Of the special-interest items — and there are a number — perhaps the most notable, certainly the one museum visitors tend to gravitate toward first, is a gold bar, 999.8 fine and weighing 401.75 troy ounces. The gold bar display case is equipped with two digital readout panels, one showing the current price of gold and the other the current value of the bar. A silver bar, 999.75 fine and weighing 1061.16 troy ounces, is similarly displayed.

Dedication of the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond's Money Museum on June 24, 1980, represented the attainment of a goal set many years before by a former member of the Bank and Public Relations Department: Mr. J. Hammond Siler. Mr. Siler felt it only appropriate that an institution so vital to the functioning of the nation's monetary system should one day have a museum that would feature a history of United States coins and currency. He undertook the task of accumulating the specimens that would be needed for the museum. Acquiring a coin here and a piece of paper money there — more often than not by the then-prevalent practice of "swapping" — Mr. Siler built a collection of specimens representative of the monies of the United States from the earliest days of its existence as a nation. An area sufficiently large to house the collection and display it effectively was not then available and was not to become available until the present Federal Reserve Bank Building was ready for occupancy — nearly 20 years after Mr. Siler's retirement and 10 years after his death. We acknowledge Mr. Siler's invaluable contribution with gratitude. We hope he would have been pleased had he seen the exhibits his vision and his efforts made possible.

That the history-of-money series also includes commodity monies, coins, and paper money of Colonial America; currency of the Continental Congress; and monies of the Confederate States of America is attributable



Gold Bar, 999.8 Fine, 401.75 oz.t.
Money Museum, Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond

to the interest and enthusiasm of a charming gentleman and knowledgeable numismatist whom some of you may have known: Mr. Charles A. Affleck of Winchester, Virginia. Mr. Affleck's participation came about quite by chance. He dropped in at the Bank one morning to offer us several especially interesting and rare bank notes he had acquired. Since it was then around noon, he was invited to stay for lunch. The conversation inevitably turned to talk of Mr. Affleck's hobby and of the Bank's plans to establish a money museum. And before he left that day, Mr. Affleck had committed himself to assisting us with the project.

Mr. Affleck's association with the Museum was indeed fortunate. Through his wide knowledge of numismatics the scope of the planned exhibits was greatly expanded. Visitors may study early paper currency from the state of Virginia, Confederate currency and a Scott restrike of the Confederate Half Dollar.

This attractive museum explores the highways and byways of money through a span of four thousand years. The exhibits surprise and fascinate. It is well worth a visit, you will enjoy it.

The museum is open to the public, without appointment, Monday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Diagrams showing the location of each exhibit and artifact are provided for the use of those who prefer to tour the museum on their own. Guided tours are given on request and can be arranged by either mail or phone. Do come.

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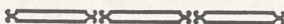
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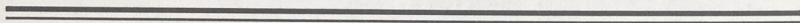
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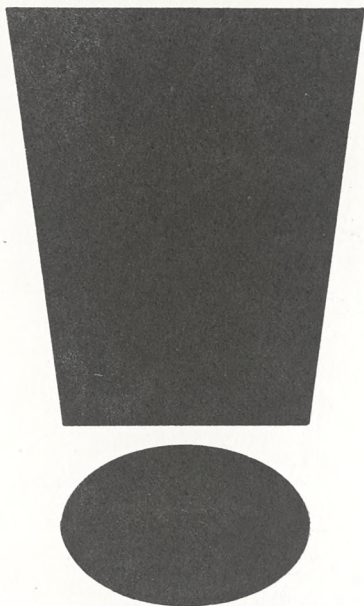
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PRESIDENT'S LETTER



Well, the 28th annual Convention and Coin Show has come and gone. It was great fun, but I won't go into details, since a full account of the proceedings appears elsewhere in this issue.

To all who worked on the event in any capacity, many thanks, especially to Bourse Chairman Keith Littlefield and Exhibits Chairman Jim Beard. Both did a superb job. Special thanks are also due to the cheerful and efficient staff who ran the Registration Desk so capably, Margie Beard, Marge Hannah, Tina Carr and the fine group of volunteers from the Richmond Coin Club.

Out going Directors, Walt Mason and Steve Taylor, and also Jerry Schmidt, who has found it necessary to resign from the Board, take with them our deep appreciation for all of their devoted service to VNA. Their support and wise counsel have been of great value to this association and will continue to be so in the future.

Preparations for the 1987 Convention have already begun. In a break with past custom, the Board voted to hold it again at the same site, the Hyatt Richmond, September 25-27, 1987. We aim to make it both bigger and better. Further details will be published as things develop.

A new year is almost upon us, and I ask that each local club furnish Editor Don Roberts with a copy of your 1987 meeting schedule, a list of your new officers, and any other juicy news items which he can publish.

To all those who contributed articles for this magazine during the past year many thanks; please keep up the good work. We are always in need of articles, and I hope that many others will be inspired to send in some during the coming year.

This is the last issue for 1986, so I'll close with warmest wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Successful New Year.

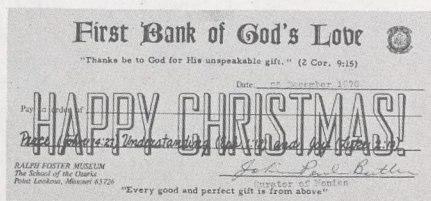
Sincerely
Jim Ruehrmund, President

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Although only 16 years old this check was issued by John Paul Butler — who called himself curator of monies. Have to imagine that it was sold as a souvenir of the Ralph Foster Museum — The School of the Ozarks — Point Lookout, Missouri 65726. Know for sure it wasn't a Baptist — cause we Baptists are not shy especially about passing the offering plate. The many scriptural references indicate a Fundamentalist group really evangelical — but you know I sort of like the message.

So to all in V.N.A. — Happy Christmas!

— Walt Mason





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APPLICANTS FOR MEMBERSHIP

The following individuals have applied for membership in the Virginia Numismatic Association and will become members within 20 days from the mailing of this notice unless some adverse reaction is received, in which case the matter will be acted upon by the Board of Directors.

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NEW WOODEN NICKEL FOR 1986 VNA CONVENTION

VNA 1st Vice President Ginnie S. Aldridge still has some of the VNA woods left, and she has asked us to inform our readers that as long as they last, they will be available from her for 50¢ each plus a Self Addressed Stamped Envelope.

Her mail address is: Ginnie S. Aldridge, 515 Pinehurst Avenue, Colonial Heights, VA 23834.

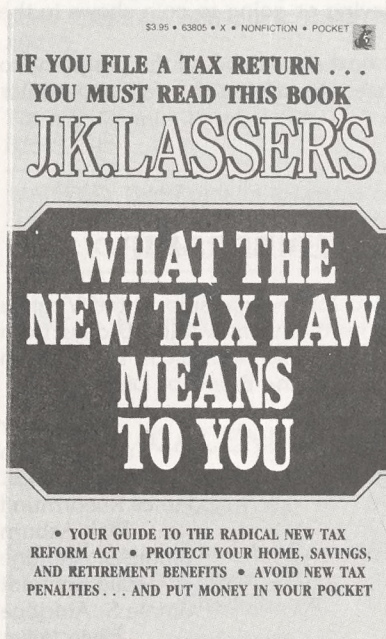
They were shown at the bottom of page 14 of the September 1986 issue of THE VIRGINIA NUMISMATIST.

Thanks a lot, Ginnie.

annies vignettes

by annie mckalvey

since this is the last issue of the year, i have several things that i hope you will like at this season.



if all else fails, perhaps the book that tells the mystic tarot secrets and how to read fates and fortunes in cards will be of some assistance. a lot of people seem to set a store by these cards, according to what i have heard, but i have never tried them.

the first one is a copy of a book that tells you what the new income tax law that was passed this year will mean to you. i hope that it helps, but i am not too sure that even the people who wrote the new tax law fully understand what it means and just how it will affect us. i was a math and history major, but the people who write the tax laws surely do not seem to use the math that we took back then.

i reckon i will just have to take my material to the same accountant that has been helping me make them out for some time.





don tells me that the american bank note company is going to re-issue some of the old vignettes in their files. they have a lot of the ones that were used over a period of many years that are real works of art. i certainly enjoyed looking at some of them in the annual reports of the company that are issued each year.



Wood Carving: Nautical Figure

Folk Art USA 22



Wood Carving: Cigar Store Figure

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Wood Carving: Highlander Figure

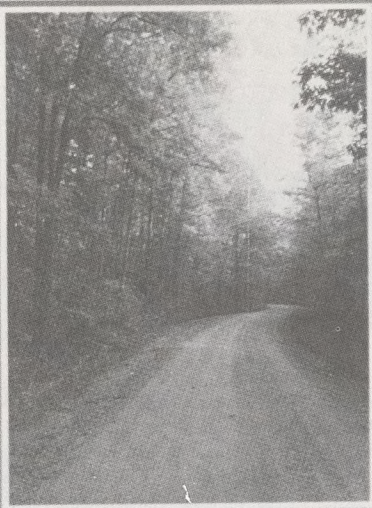
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Wood Carving: Ship Figurehead

Folk Art USA 22

have you seen the new postage stamps that show carved wooden figures ... they are certainly colorful and interesting.



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at your back,
May the sun shine warm
upon your face,
the rains fall soft
upon your fields
and, until we meet again,
may God hold you
in the palm of His hand.

the poem on this postcard says what i want to wish for you all much better than i can. may it all come true.

hope you like my vignettes
annie mckalvey

ELECTION OF TWO DIRECTORS

Through an error, the names of VNA Directors James M. Beard and Robert M. New were left off when the ballots were printed for the election.

Please note that there will be a ballot enclosed with this issue of THE VIRGINIA NUMISMATIST with the two names on it.

These ballots should be returned to the Secretary Treasurer, Malvern L. Powell, Jr., P.O. Box 353, Hampton, VA 23669, as soon as possible. Thank you.

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The gold coins went on sale first, and the first batch was quickly sold out. More are now being struck to supply the demand. Many dealers were unhappy with the system being used.

Forms are being sent out by the Mint to collectors to be used to order the one troy ounce of fine gold coin at \$550.00 and the one troy ounce silver

coin at \$21.00. Both of these are in proof.

If you do not receive the special form, call the Mint's Customer Service center in Lanham, Maryland, at 1-301-436-7400, and ask for an official order form.

Orders for the Proof one ounce coins will only be accepted until December 1, 1986.

A REPORT ON THE 28TH ANNUAL CONVENTION

If you were not there you missed a good one. The Hyatt fully lived up to its reputation for elegance. Their pool was still open, and the weather was mostly mild and sunny. A few light showers (much needed in these parts) dampened the proceedings not at all.

We ended up with about forty three bourse dealers, quite a few of whom were with us for the first time. They brought along plenty of choice material of all kinds, and business was brisk. Total attendance was about 700, and lots of numismatic treasures found new homes.

The Hyatt set out a very tasty dinner for us, and VNA's own inimitable Walt Mason presided once again as Master of Ceremonies. Our speaker, VNA member Dr. Doug Ball presented a most interesting and informative talk on the Richmond lithographer, Charles L. Ludwig, whose productions, both currency and stamps, are so avidly sought by today's collectors.

The Don Roberts Literary Award was presented in absentia to our long time friend annie mckalvey, whose charming vignettes have enlivened so many issues of *The Virginia Numismatist*.

The new VNA officers elected this year were announced: Secretary Treasurer: Malvern L. Powell, Jr.; Sergeant at Arms: Robert W. Bunn and Directors Richard L. Garfield and A. Marshall Morris. As it turned out, the only one able to be present was Bob Bunn, and he was duly installed by Burnett Anderson, the Washington Representative of Krause Publications.

Exhibit awards were presented to the following:

Outstanding Awards

Barry Cohen - Altered and Counterfeit

Richard Coltrane - Ottoman Mint

Margery Hannah - Love Tokens and Engraving

Page Mann - What Is There To Collect?

William Spilman - Medals Of The Token and Medal Society

Best of Show

Warren Plumer - Building The Panama Canal

Charles Affleck Award

Richard Jones - Monticello Bank Notes - Charlottesville

After the banquet about twenty five Rag Pickers gathered for their annual conclave. Several of the Great High Sachems of Rag Picking were in attendance, and the conversation was both stimulating and entertaining.

The raffle drawing for the Statue of Liberty Coin Sets was held at 3 p.m. on Sunday. The winners, drawn from the well mixed mass of tickets by Miss Cristie Ashbourne, were:

1. The Proof Set: Brett Miller, Richmond, Virginia

2. The Uncirculated Set: Mike Gibson, Glen Allen, Virginia

Deals were still being made right up to closing time on Sunday, and all of the complimentary copies of the coin papers, so generously supplied by Amos Press and Krause Publications, were given away.

Next year's Convention will be at the same site, 25-27 September 1987, so mark your calendar now, and plan to be there.



THE AMERICAN BANK NOTE COMPANY

The book - THE STORY OF AMERICAN BANK NOTE COMPANY, by William H. Griffiths, written in 1958, starts as follows:

American Bank Note Company traces its beginning back to 1795. The place was Philadelphia, and the man was Robert Scot.

It had taken four years to be able to get it started. The business so begun was destined to continue through Scot's assistant, and through him to various successor firms and corporations and, finally, to American Bank Note Company.

The introduction of the National Bank Act and the westward expansion to settle the vacant lands there brought with it the need for more currency and securities.

For many years the headquarters and plant facilities were mostly in New York City, but the plant there has become obsolete.

It was decided to move the plant to another location, and a new and modern plant was built in Ramapo, New York, to consolidate the production facilities.

They have in storage most of the vignettes that have been used over many years, and are now proposing to start a program to produce and sell to collectors vignette sheets on a subscription basis. They propose to offer the series for an annual fee of \$150.00, but say that they must have at least 5,000 subscriptions before the program could be started.

All interested collectors should write to Aurelia Chen, Product Manager, American Bank Note Company, 70 Broad Street, New York, New York 10004 for information on the program.

RETARDED CITIZEN GROUPS RECEIVE DONATIONS FROM MWNA, INC.

Five Retarded Citizen groups in the Metropolitan Washington area were recipients of a \$3,000.00 check from the Metropolitan Washington Numismatic Association on October 14th. These donations were made possible by a well attended coin convention in July 1986, supported by dealers from many states and abroad.

This event was held with the Bowie Coin Club in Bowie, Maryland. Roy Alton, President of the Bowie Club, played host for this affair and arranged for



a buffet dinner to be served to the large group attending.

Frank Palumbo, Executive Director of MWNA, presented these checks on behalf of all who had helped to make this possible. Mr. Palumbo said that the total donations to these groups is now over \$190,000.00. He also believes MWNA is the only coin club donating their monies to this kind of charity.

Pictured above are the recipients, reading left to right: Frances Kidd, Julia Coates, D.C. Recreation Department for Handicapped; Mac Ramsey, Prince Georges Retarded Citizens Group; Frank Palumbo, Executive Director of MWNA; Weldon Bagwell, Northern Virginia Retarded Citizens Assoc.; Kathy Arvisl, Montgomery County Retarded Citizens Group; Carolyn Unger, D.C. Association for Retarded Citizens.

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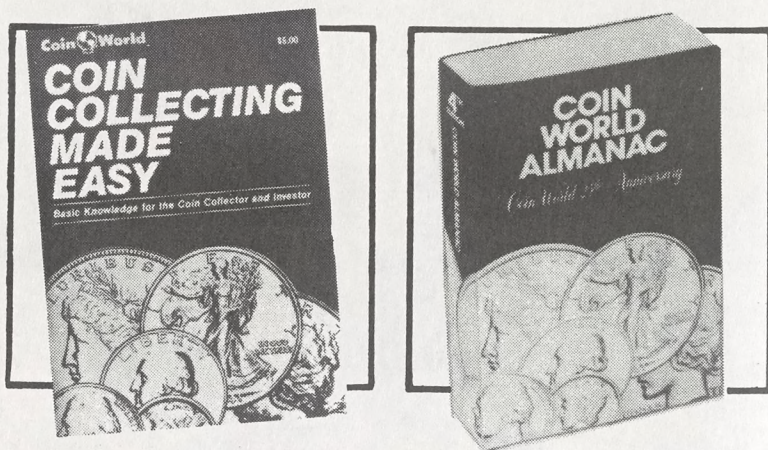
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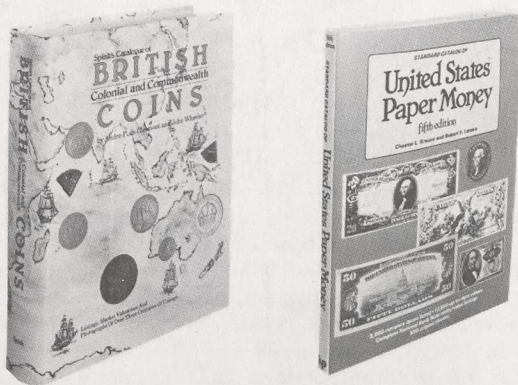
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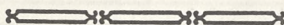
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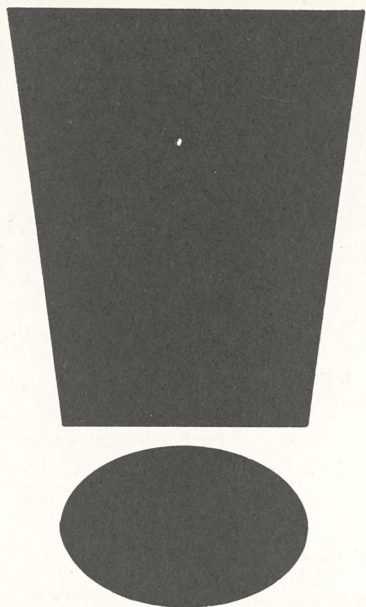
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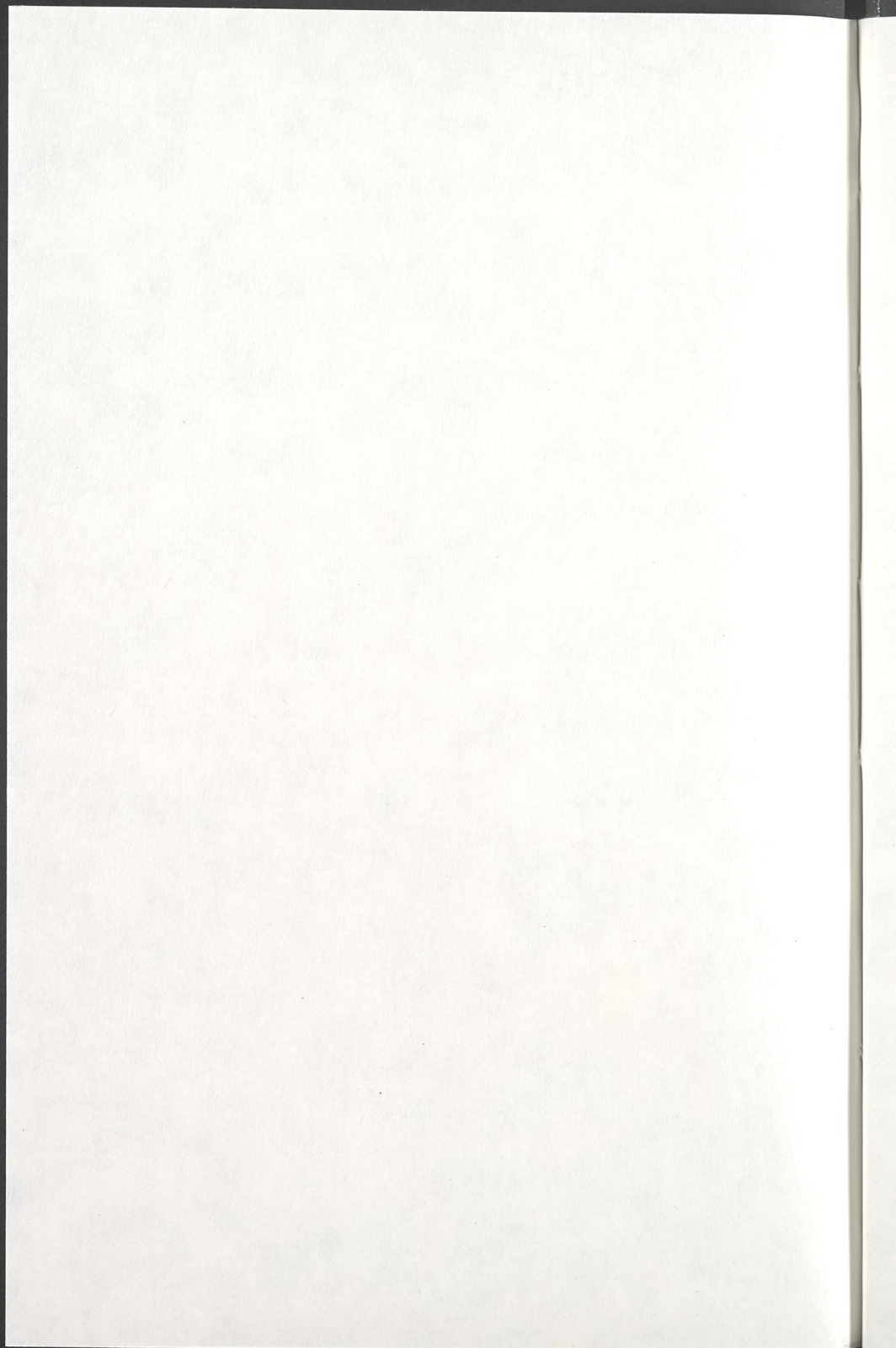
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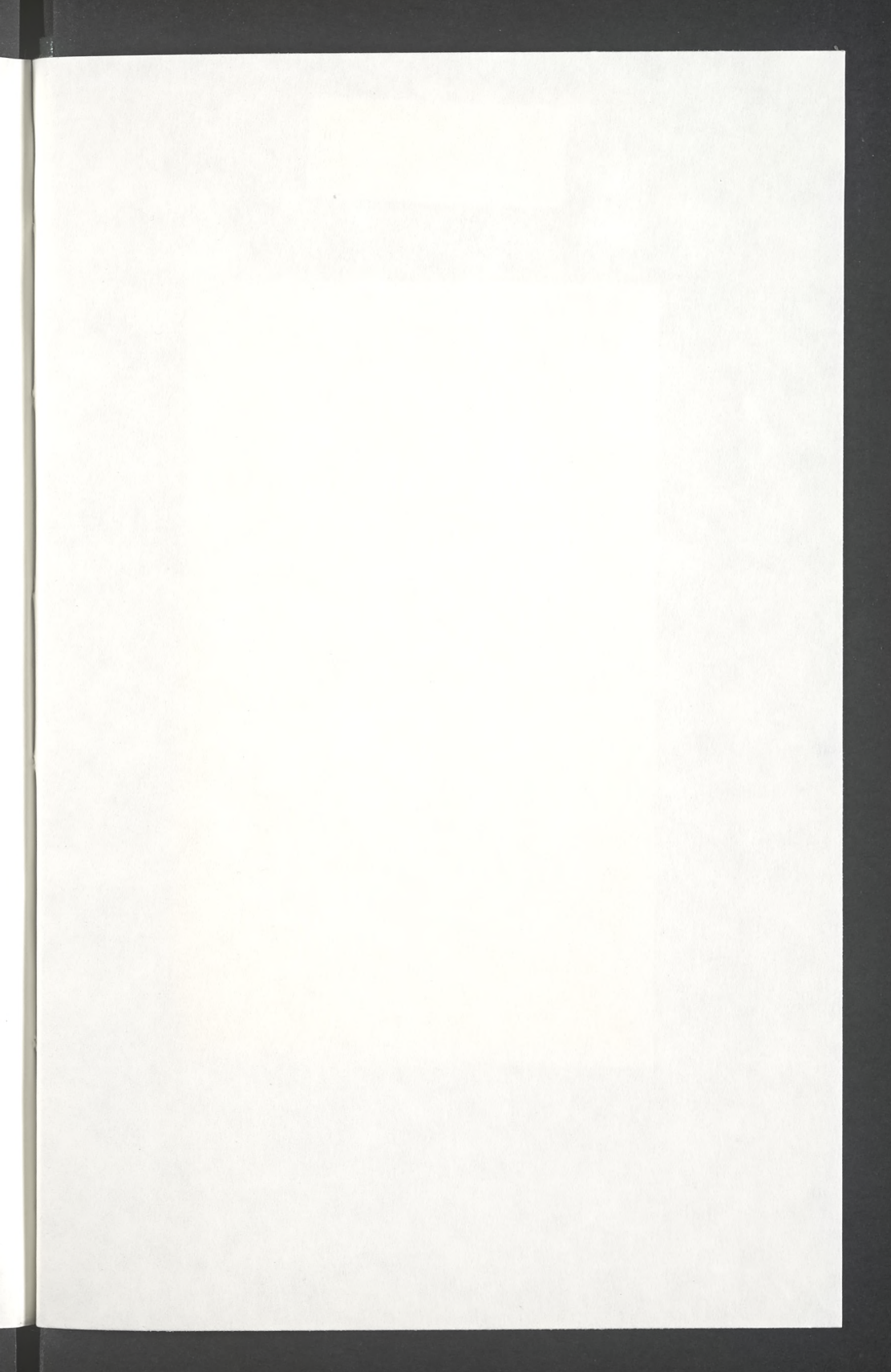
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